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DPS on the hunt for the Office on Aging burglar

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REPORTER

The Department of Public Safety still has no solid leads or suspects in the burglary that occurred at the Office on Aging last Tuesday and is encouraging the community to report any information it may have that could possibly lead to an arrest.

According to DPS spokesperson Dre Pangelinan, the DPS still had no suspects in the burglary as of 6:45pm yesterday. "The case is still under investigation. There is no suspect at this time," he said.

For those who may have any information regarding the burglary, call 911 at any time. If you wish to remain anonymous, call the CNMI Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272. Crime Stoppers pays up to $1,000 for any information leading to an arrest.

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'CCC-IPI settlement deal may take few more days'

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Casino Commission board will hold their monthly meeting today, Thursday, and part of the agenda is the approval of a proposed agreement that will resolve CCC's five complaints that seek to revoke Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC's exclusive casino license.

Yeom

Also part of the agenda is consideration and approval of CCC executive director Andrew Yeom's motion to dismiss the five complaints against IPI.

The board meeting will be at 10am at the CCC's conference room at the

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Defense: Notice of Torres' other crimes insufficient

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The defense counsel of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is opposing a recent notice by the Office of the Attorney General that it intends to offer evidence at trial of the governor's other crimes and wrongdoings, saying the notice is insufficient.

According to a motion filed by Torres' team of lawyers, the Commonwealth has not met its burden of proof to establish any basis for admitting each "other act" evidence under Rule 404(b) and has not met its burden of proof that the noticed evidence is relevant and not prejudicial.

Torres

"The Commonwealth has the bur-

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MSA sets introductory fares

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The CNMI's newest interisland air service provider, Marianas Southern Airways, has just announced their introductory one-way fares to Tinian, Rota, and Guam.

Although the airline has yet to announce its official flight schedules, Marianas Southern Airways has gotten members of the CNMI community on the edge of their seats and itching to take advantage of the new airlines' jaw-dropping, low prices.

Marianas Southern Airways is offering fares as low as $39 for a one-way trip to Tinian,

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Source: Office of the Governor

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Local

Sukiyaki food fighters at Taste festival on June 25

The Marianas Visitors Authority is looking for five more food fighters to join the Sukiyaki Eating Contest at the 23rd Annual Taste of The Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden this weekend in Saipan.

This festival returns for a second and final weekend on June 24, 25, and 26, at Garapan Fishing Base from 5pm to 10pm. The Sukiyaki Eating Contest will challenge up to 10 contestants on Saturday, June 25, at 8pm to be the first to finish five lbs. of the noodle dish within 30 minutes. Contestants may register in-person only at the MVA office on Beach Road in San Jose.

The annual signature event of the MVA has 29 food and four drink vendors this year, live entertainment, arts and crafts sales, and more.

"With a successful kickoff of 'Taste' last weekend, we are looking to an even better three days of 'Taste' this weekend," said MVA managing director Priscilla M. Iakopo. "Don't miss out on all the nonstop entertainment and contests we have in store for you."

The cooking demonstration of *potu* (sweetened steamed rice buns), *apigigi* (sweet young coconut grilled in banana leaf), and *titiyas* (tortillas) will be held on Friday, June 24, and Marianas Jr. Chef Challenge will also be held on Sunday, June 26.

The Pika Me to Win duo of Donald Mendiola, second left, and Alex Standish, fourth right, win first place in the Eskabeche Cooking Contest at the 23rd Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on June 19, 2022, at Garapan Fishing Base on Saipan. The team also won first place in the Kadun Pika Cooking Contest the previous evening. MVA

The *Kadun Pika* (spicy chicken) Cooking Contest on Saturday (June 18) and the *Eskabeche* (Fried Fish with Coconut Milk and Vegetables) on Sunday (June 19) were topped by the same trio of winners. The Pika Me to Win duo of Donald Mendiola and Alex Standish won first place and $500 in both contests. In second place was Manny Borja, winning $250 in each contest, and in third place was Andrew Songsong, winning $150 in each contest. Additional prizes were awarded to other competitors. Entries were judged on taste, tenderness, ingredients, and presentation.

The entertainment lineup for Friday includes Tom Basa (5pm), Groove Theory (6pm), Talabwogh Women (7pm), Uraali (7:30pm), Simiyan Marianas (8pm), Saipan Music & Dance Studio (8:30pm), and Flores Sinser (9pm). The entertainment lineup for Saturday includes Unshakable (5pm), Saipan Studio (6pm), WD40 (6:30pm), High Tide (7:30pm), Sukiyaki Eating Contest (8pm), High Tide (8:30pm). and Teivi Maori (9pm). The entertainment lineup for Sunday includes Marv & Jay (5pm), Da Kine (6pm), Ben San Nicolas (6:30pm), South Korea K Music Star (7pm), Songsong Mami (8pm), Petlas (8:30pm), Talabwogh Warriors (9pm), and Neber Mind Band (9:30pm). Entertainment is subject to change.

For more information, visit the MVA office or contact MVA Community Projects specialist Ray Villagomez at rvillagomez@mymarians.com or 664-3200. ***(MVA)***

Marianas High School Poksai Guma Chamoro performs at the 23rd Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on June 18, 2022, at Garapan Fishing Base on Saipan. MVA

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Funding sought to develop Outer Cove Marina into commercial facility

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Benavente

Department of Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Anthony Benavente said yesterday that they are looking at possible future funding to develop the Outer Cove Marina into a commercial facility.

At a hearing for DLNR's budget for fiscal year 2023 before the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee, Benavente disclosed that the Outer Cove Marina is one of their office's main areas of concern. When asked what are some of the major expenditures DLNR anticipates for the upcoming fiscal year, Benavente said they are looking at future funding to improve or develop the Outer Cove Marina and turn it into a commercial facility.

"But again, the project requires a lot of funding," he said, adding that the department and Gov. Ralph DLG Torres are looking for $5 million that can be used to create an Architectural and Engineering plan to develop a breakwater. He said developing a breakwater is the key to the development of the Outer Cove Marina. A breakwater is a permanent structure built in an area to protect against waves, tides, and storm surges.

It was reported in 2020 that based on estimated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, it would take more than $16 million to fix the Outer Cove Marina.

On Sept. 30, 2019, DLNR indefinitely shut down the Outer Cove Marina due to its "deteriorating condition," particularly the bridge going toward it that has already collapsed.

Also present at the budget hearing were Division of Fish and Wildlife director Manny Pangelinan, Land Registration and Survey director Joaquin Songsong, Division of Agriculture director Jack Ogumoro, and Division of Parks and Recreation acting director Ray Sablan.

The directors also discussed with the committee their projects, concerns, and goals for fiscal year 2023.

Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Donald M. Manglona (Ind-Rota) said that DLNR submitted a total budget request of $3.9 million for the upcoming fiscal year. Manglona said that's for a combination of six divisions to include Agriculture, Fish and Wildlife, Parks and Recreation, Soil and Water Conservation, Land Registration, and Natural Resources or the Secretary's office.

Of the total amount requested, approximately $3.1 is proposed for personnel for a total

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COVID update: Three hospitalizations in the CNMI

As of June 21, 2022, there were three individuals hospitalized as a result of COVID-19, according to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. news release Tuesday night.

Also, 78 additional individuals have been confirmed positive for COVID-19, bringing the CNMI total to 11,569 cases since March 28, 2020. Nine additional cases were identified June 11 - 12, 2022.

The CHCC news release stated that, from June 13 to 19, 2022, there was only one new hospitalization due to COVID-19. That would mean the two new hospitalizations were logged this week.

Of the 78 cases identified from June 13 to June 19, 2022, CHCC stated that 16 were identified on June 13, four on June 14, 19 on June 15, 13 on June 16, 11 on June 17, 13 on June 18, and two on June 19.

CHCC warned that it has been seeing an uptick in the number of COVID-19 cases in the community and continues to encourage everyone to get vaccinated if they have not done so, or get their booster shot if they are eligible to help prevent severe illness, hospitalization, or death. People considered high risk (e.g., history of diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, obesity, or cancer, or over the age of 65), immunocompromised persons, or unvaccinated individuals are at risk of serious illness from COVID-19. Unvaccinated individuals spread the virus at a higher rate than vaccinated individuals, thereby increasing the spread and risk of serious illness toward other unvaccinated individuals.

Data show that vaccine effectiveness against COVID-19 infection is waning after the primary series, but protection remains high against severe disease and hospitalization.

As of June 21, 2022, a total of 23,419 COVID-19 additional/booster vaccine shots have been administered; of the eligible population, 62.7% have received an additional dose. The vaccination rate is calculated using the 2020 Census population estimates for the CNMI and includes the eligible 5-years-old and older population.

Of the total cases identified, as of June 19, 2022, there have been 11,477 recoveries; 58 active cases; and 34 COVID-19-related deaths.

The next CHCC report will be released on June 27, 2022. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

Liberation Day festivities kick off on June 30, 2022

The 2022 Fourth of July Liberation Day on Saipan will be celebrated from June 30 to July 4, 2022, at Garapan Fishing Base, highlighted by food, live entertainment, a parade, fireworks, and other festivities.

Apatang

Liberation Day is celebrated to mark the permanent closure on July 4, 1945, of civilian internment camps on Saipan, when indigenous Chamorros and Carolinians were allowed to fully return to their land and lives following World War II.

The annual commemoration is spearheaded by the Saipan Mayor's Office and coincides with the U.S. observance of Independence Day.

"This year's theme is, 'Honoring our Legacy as we Ride the Waves of Change,'" said Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, in officially announcing the festivities. "Seventy-six years since the people of Saipan were permitted to return to their family homes, farmlands, and property, to begin picking up their lives and starting anew, is truly a legacy we all enjoy and must cherish and preserve today. It was not an easy beginning and the lessons we learned from the past have prepared us to overcome hardships in our time."

The Liberation Day Parade will be held on July 4 at 10am on Beach Road from National Office Supply to Garapan Fishing Base. Applications for floats and marching groups are due by Friday (June 24) at 4pm. Cash prizes will be awarded: $5,000 for first place, $4,000 for second place, $3,000 for third place, $2,000 for fourth place, $1,000 for fifth place, and $500 for sixth place. For applications, contact Parade Sub-committee chair Luise Villagomez at lvillagomez@mos.gov.mp or 234-6208. Road closures will be announced once finalized.

Festivities will kick off with an opening ceremony on June 30 at 6:30pm at the festival grounds. Over 20 food and drink vendors will be open and live entertainment will be presented from 6:30pm to 10pm nightly. On July 4, grounds will open at 9am. Applications are still being accepted for food and drink vendors. For applications, contact Concessions Sub-committee chair Joann Aquino at jaquino.mos@gmail.com or 234-6208.

Fireworks will be held at 9pm on July 4 at Garapan Fishing Base.

For more information, contact Saipan Mayor's Office at saipanmayor@mos.gov.mp or 234-6208. ***(PR)***

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Springs Plaza Building in Gualo Rai.

In response to *Saipan Tribune*'s inquiry, Yeom said yesterday that reaching a stipulated agreement with IPI may take a few more days.

"We'll most likely have a special meeting once the agreement is executed," Yeom said.

He reiterated that resolving issues with IPI is good for the CNMI's tourism industry and the economy.

He said the most important thing is a solid assurance to complete IPI's casino/resort building in Garapan.

Yeom filed the five complaints to revoke IPI's casino license for alleged unwillingness to comply with the CCC's final order in enforcement actions by not paying the $3.1 annual regulatory fee and $15.5 million annual exclusive casino license fee, among other violations.

TORRES

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den of proof on the admissibility of Rule 404(b) other act evidence, and has not met that burden of proof for each of the other act evidence it intends to introduce at trial," they said.

For example, the lawyers said, the Commonwealth claims that other act evidence will be used to establish knowledge, plan, preparation, and intent as well as absence of mistake or accident. "However, its notice fails to show how each alleged other act evidence relates to each of the alleged permitted purposes of knowledge, plan, preparation, intent, or absence of a mistake or an accident. Moreover, the Commonwealth does not articulate how the 12 counts of misconduct in office as charged by the information do not show such purposes, or why each other act evidence is necessary. These deficiencies render the Commonwealth's notice insufficient," the motion stated.

Last June 3, the Commonwealth, through OAG chief solicitor Robert Glass, filed a notice with Superior Court judge pro tem Alberto Tolentino that it intends to introduce certain uncharged conduct of Torres at trial pursuant to Rule 404(b) of the NMI Rules of Evidence. In the notice, Glass said the evidence he intends to introduce at trial will show proof of Torres' intent, motive, knowledge of the crimes he allegedly committed.

Torres is represented in this case by a group of lawyers consisting of Viola Alepuyo, Victorino Torres, Matthew Holley, and Anthony Aguon.

The lawyers argue that the Commonwealth claims that the "other act" evidence it intends to introduce at trial shows that Torres, on other occasions prior to 2018, traveled on premium class airfare ticket, but does not explain why that is material to any charge or issue in the case as Torres is not charged with premium class travel.

"Torres is charged with misconduct in office for allegedly causing the issuance of an airline ticket for travel higher than regular economy fare, theft, and contempt. There is no explanation for how each 'other act' relates to any material issue associated with any of the 14 counts charged in the information. There is also no explanation of what fact or issue each 'other act' evidence proves that the additional 'other act' evidence does not. Even more so, it is not articulated how prior travel using a premium class airfare ticket is material to causing the issuance of an airline ticket in each of the misconduct in office charges, the theft charge, or the contempt charge," Torres' counsels said.

Lastly, Torres' lawyers claim that the Commonwealth does not try to show that the alleged "other act" evidence does not present any danger of "unfair prejudice, confusing the issues, misleading the jury, undue delay, wasting time, or needlessly presenting cumulative evidence."

"This is not an oversight. It is apparent that, even if the Commonwealth can meet its burden under Rule 404(b), the 'other act' evidence that the Commonwealth seeks to introduce presents the real danger of 'unfair prejudice, confusing of the issues, misleading the jury, undue delay, wasting time, or needlessly presenting cumulative evidence,'" the lawyers stated.

Tolentino is set to hear the motions and oppositions on June 30.

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According to a DPS press release, the burglary was reported to DPS at about 6:40am last Tuesday, June 21. At the scene, police met with the caller who stated that he was an employee of the Office on Aging in Chinatown, Saipan. He said when he arrived at the office, he noticed that things were out of place. He then called the director, who told him to call for police assistance. Police noted there were scattered items throughout the center.

At this time, items missing include three Echo branded bushcutters, two IQ Sound brand Bluetooth speakers, two five-gallon fuel containers, one chainsaw, and one 32-inch flat-screen TV.

DPS would like to remind the public to be diligent when purchasing or when being offered a flat-screen TV, bushcutter, Bluetooth speakers, or any of the stolen items.

Meanwhile, in a statement from the Office on Aging, the center stated that many of the stolen items were bought using money raised from fundraisers conducted by the elderly who are members of the office, which is also called the Mana'mko Center.

"Our gates, lights, cameras, chains, and locks were not enough to deter the thief/thieves. Many of the stolen items were purchased from funds our elders worked really hard to earn: months of selling King and Queen raffle tickets, making and selling arts and crafts, donating and selling personal items, holding concert events, etc. We cannot fathom the words to describe how we all feel. The blatant disrespect for our elderly is not one that should be tolerated in our island community. We pride ourselves in showing gratitude and respect to our *man'amko*. Stealing from them is unacceptable. We would like to ask the community for their assistance in trying to locate some of the missing items," the statement said.

Aside from the items police reported missing, the office stated that the other stolen items include one Rogue acoustic guitar, two Yamaha acoustic guitars, one Fender electric guitar, one ukulele, one Epson projector, one tool box with tools set, Fender guitar amplifiers, a Xerox machine, one security camera system, and four iPads.

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$69 for a one-way trip to Rota, and an unbelievable $99 one-way trip to Guam. This is nearly half the current airfares of its competitor, Star Marianas Airlines.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, the airline will announce its initial schedule, launch its website, and open ticket sales in the next few weeks.

At launch, the airline plans to offer over 90 weekly flights serving Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Guam and, through Southern Airways' interline agreement with United Airlines, provides the ability to make a reservation from Tinian, Rota, or Saipan to anywhere in the United network.

Marianas Southern Airways is a joint venture between Saipan's MP Enterprises and Southern Airways Express, one of America's largest regional airlines.

It will operate the all new Tecnam P2012 Traveler aircraft, known as the world's most advanced twin-engine turbocharged piston aircraft. The nine-seat aircraft features generous luggage allowances to complement its sleek and modern interior design, which includes LED reading lights, overhead air conditioning controls, and ergonomic seats with a USB port, armrest, and cup holder for each passenger.

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of 101 positions, he added.

In addition, $783,000 is being requested for operations and $7,000 for utility, Manglona said .

However, he said, the governor's proposal allocates $2.13 million and 93 personnel.

"This computes a shortfall of $1.76 million," said Manglona, adding that they did hear from Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig that there will be a revised budget submission on July 1, which shall include additional funding for operations.

Benavente said that, with that revised budget, DLNR is hoping that they will be budgeted according to their request for fiscal year 2023.

Rota summer job program opportunity

The CNMI Office of the Governor, in coordination with CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Rota Office of the Mayor, announced yesterday openings for a Summer Job Program focused on area beautification on the island of Rota. The program is available for students ages 14 to 17, and the deadline to submit completed applications is on Friday, June 24, 2022, no later than 4pm, at the Rota Mayor's Office in Tatachok Village.

In recent years, the island of Rota has received tremendous positive feedback from its residents regarding the summer program. "It is my goal as the special assistant of Homeland Security to support Rota Mayor Efraim's request and Gov. [Ralph DLG] Torres' vision and intent of ensuring that young, striving individuals train firsthand and prepare for the work force," said CNMI HSEM special assistant Dennis C. Mendiola.

Rota Mayor Efraim M. Atalig has been crucial in the advocacy of the summer job program to ensure that students are engaged during the summer, to continue their growth as aspiring individuals, and to help promote a clean and safe environment for our community.

Torres encourages the youth on Rota to take full advantage of this opportunity, as it will provide valuable workforce experience and encourage the preservation and beautification of the island's natural resources.

For more information, contact Sandra M. Masga or Ijulinda M. Taisacan at (670)532-9451. ***(PR)***

EDA invests $1.2M to support Guam workforce development

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina M. Raimondo announced yesterday that the Department's Economic Development Administration is awarding a $1.2 million CARES Act Recovery Assistance grant to the Guam Community College to support workforce development programs.

This project will support renovations and improvements to an existing facility serving as the Guam Workforce Development Center. This EDA grant will be matched with $1.2 million in local funds and is expected to create 1,800 jobs and retain 200 jobs, according to grantee estimates.

"The Biden Administration is committed to creating new opportunities for workers throughout the United States," said Raimondo. "This EDA investment will support Guam Community College as it expands and improves workforce development programs to ensure residents have the skills they need to compete for good-paying jobs."

"We are happy to see our congressional work on the CARES ACT continue to yield results for the people of Guam, and are particularly pleased that more support for workforce development is on the way at a time when our island needs as much support as it can get in this area," said Delegate Michael San Nicolas (D-GU).

This project is funded under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116-136), which provided EDA with $1.5 billion for economic assistance programs to help communities prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance, which is being administered under the authority of the bureau's flexible Economic Adjustment Assistance program, provides a wide range of financial assistance to eligible communities. ***(PR)***

NMI labor regs highlight today's SHRM meeting

The CNMI Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management will host a general membership meeting today, June 23, 2022, at the Hyatt Regency Saipan Ballroom, starting at 12pm. Doors will open at 11:15am.

Jacqueline A. Nicolas, administrative hearing officer at CNMI DOL, will be discussing applicable CNMI DOL regulations, as it applies to administrative cases and hearings for labor and compliance agency cases.

To register for today's meeting, sign up here.

The following fees apply: $25 for SHRM members; $35 for non-members.

This meeting will include lunch. Seating is limited and by submitting this form you are confirming your attendance.

One person per one entry. One representative may submit multiple entries for each participant under their company.

SHRM is the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. The CNMI Chapter is affiliated with the national organization. ***(PR)***

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NOTICE OF CRM PUBLIC HEARING

CONSTRUCTION OF TWO BARRACKS AND ONE COMMERCIAL BUILDING PROJECT TRIPLE J SAIPAN, INC. PERMIT APPLICATION NO. TMS-2022-035

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed construction of the 40-unit barracks and commercial building in Marpo Heights, Tinian.

Triple J Saipan, Inc. is proposing to construct two 40-unit barracks and one commercial building on Lot Nos. 023 T 21 and 023 T 22, measuring a total area of about 14,667 square meters in Marpo Heights, Tinian. The project will utilize approximately 8,096 square meters of land. The development will be connected to the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation's (CUC) waterline and power system.

The public hearing for this project is scheduled on **Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 5:00PM, at the Tinian Elementary School Cafeteria, in San Jose, Tinian.**

To maintain the health and safety of all, virtual public participation is highly encouraged via video conferencing through Zoom link: hhtps://zoom.us/j (Meeting ID: 6706648315). Our Zoom meeting access code may change, please call the DCRM Permitting Office at (670) 664-8300 for connection assistance at least one-day prior to the public hearing date.

If you are unable to attend, written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Permitting Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, P.O. Box 501304, or sent by fax at 664-8315, or by email at ssablan@dcrm.gov.mp. The project files are open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application records and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed projects. Please contact Ms. Sam Sablan at the DCRM Permitting Office at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about Triple J's construction of two barracks and one commercial building project.

/s/ Richard V. Salas
Director
Division of Coastal Resources Management

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION
Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery
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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

NMHC JVA NO.	Positions:	Salary:	Opening Date	Closing Date
2022-018	CDBG-DR Internal Auditor (1-Position) RE-ANNOUNCEMENT	UNGRADED $50,000.00 to $65,000.00 per annum	June 6, 2022	Until Filled
2022-019	CDBG-DR Project Supervisor (1-Position) RE-ANNOUNCEMENT	UNGRADED $35,000.00 to $45,000.00 per annum	June 6, 2022	Until Filled

Employment application form, detailed job description, qualification requirements and other information can be accessed at www.nmhcgov.net and www.cnmi-cdbgdr.com.

Applicants may submit their applications through the following options: Submission at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan; Drop Box located in front of the NMHC Central Office building; the CDBG-DR Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Ladera Building, Chalan Laulau, Beach Road; or email application and documents to officemanager@nmhcgov.net.

All applicants must complete and submit the NMHC Employment Application Form together with required documents that are listed in the Employment Application Package. Failure to provide the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. NMHC and all its properties are drug-free zones; therefore, selected applicant will be subject to pre- employment drug screening.

It is the policy of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) that the merit system will be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by its personnel regulations and the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, disability or place of origin.

For inquiries, please contact Mr. Jacob Muna, Office Manager, at (670) 234-6866/9447 or by email to officemanager@nmhcgov.net. NMHC is a fair housing agency and an equal opportunity provider, lender and employer.

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JESSE S. PALACIOS
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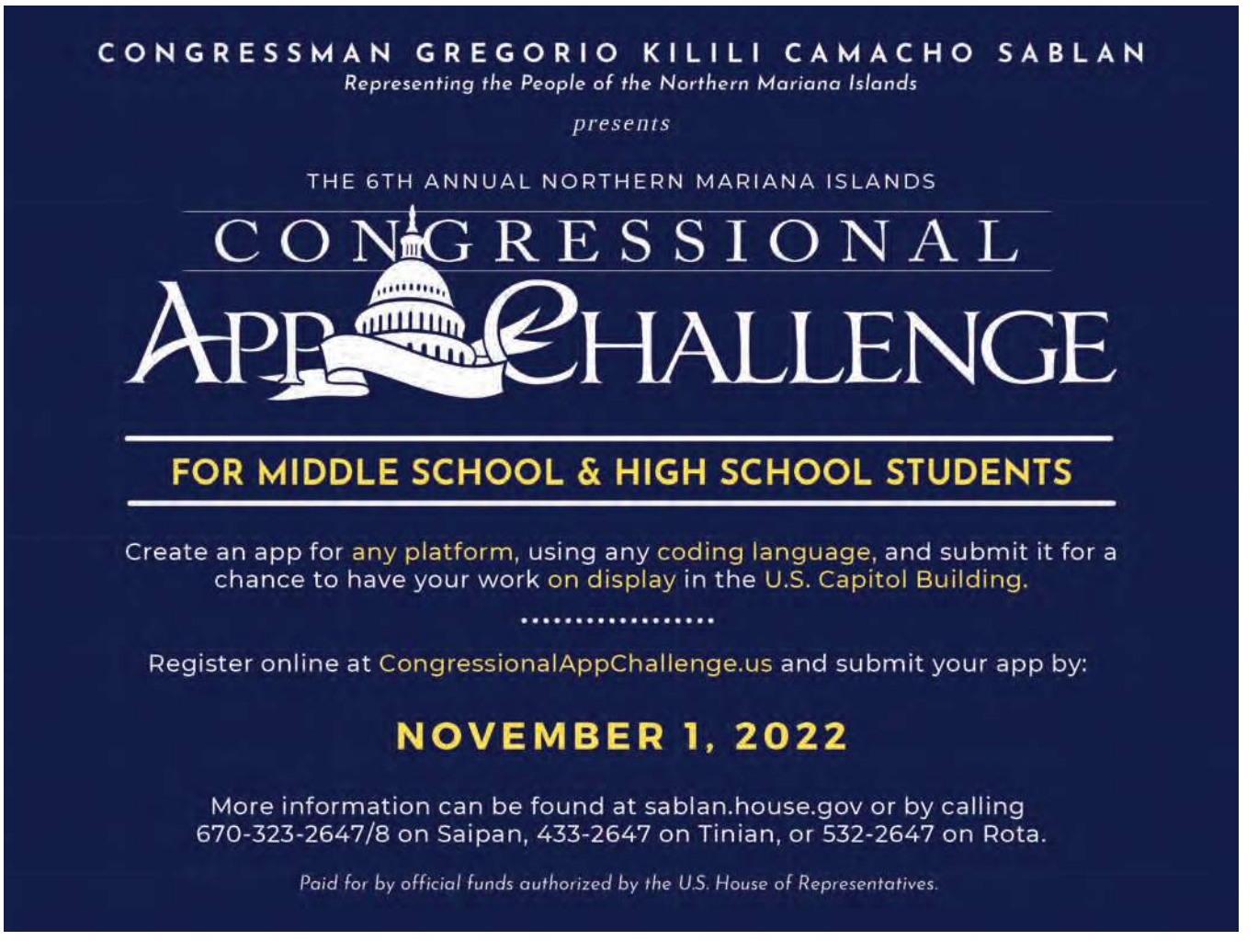
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INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-22-029
REPLACEMENT OF SADOG TASI WWTP CLARIFIER

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Replacement of Sadog Tasi Clarifier Replacement in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The intent of the contract is for the Contractor to provide all labor, equipment, supplies and materials necessary to complete the scope of work which consists of; installation of a new circular clarifier mechanism and effluent launder box, construction of a sloped concrete floor, and other miscellaneous features. The work shall include; the dewatering and cleaning of aeration basin #3 and the clarifier, routing process flow and maintaining conditions during the construction period, and returning process flow from the aeration basin to the clarifier. The work shall be completed with minimal disruption to the daily operation of the Sadog Tasi Waste Water Treatment Plant. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 365 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **June 17, 2022 at 11:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and five (5) copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-22-029, Replacement of the Sadog Tasi Clarifier"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 7, 2022,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. *A Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 23, 2022** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address, manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Westen Knudsen, Water/Wastewater Engineer at westen.knudsen@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC P&S, Senior Administrative Technician at marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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NOTICE OF CRM PUBLIC HEARING
CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE TINIAN QUARRY MARIANA GROWTH, LLC
PERMIT APPLICATION NO. TMS-2022-038

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed Tinian Quarry Operation in Marpo Valley, Tinian.

The Mariana Growth, LLC is proposing to construct and operate a rock quarry in Marpo Valley, Tinian. The project includes a quarry operation, ponding basin, fuel and storage house, leach field, a crusher machine and security area. The project site is situated on public land identified as Lot No. 266 T 05, measuring an area of about 25,560 square meters.

The public hearing for this project is scheduled on **Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 5:00PM, at the Tinian Elementary School Cafeteria, in San Jose, Tinian.**

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/s/ Richard V. Salas
Director
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REQUEST FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES
CUC-RAESP-22-021
Tinian Concrete Power Poles Project, Phase 1

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for Architectural and Engineering Services for the Tinian Concrete Power Poles Project, Phase 1, for Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded by a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The RAESP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one RAESP package set.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies of the Proposal & One (1) original and five (5) hard copies of the Cost Proposal must be submitted in a separate sealed envelopes marked "CUC-RAESP-22-021, Tinian Concrete Power Poles Project, Phase 1" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **June 29, 2022 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers who submit proposal determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. All proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from the proposal submitted by competing proposers.

All proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the proposer due to lack of information or understanding of the RAESP requirements in the course of proposer's preparation of the RAESP under the contract. The RASEP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the RAESP under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Proposers are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This RAESP and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on June 16, 2022** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Adrian Reyes, CUC Engineer for Power Division via email address adrian.reyes@cucgov.org and Christie L. Sablan, CUC's Senior Purchasing Technician via email at christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

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REQUEST FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES
CUC-RAESP-22-022
Rota Concrete Power Poles Project, Phase 1

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for Architectural and Engineering Services for the Rota Concrete Power Poles Project, Phase 1 for Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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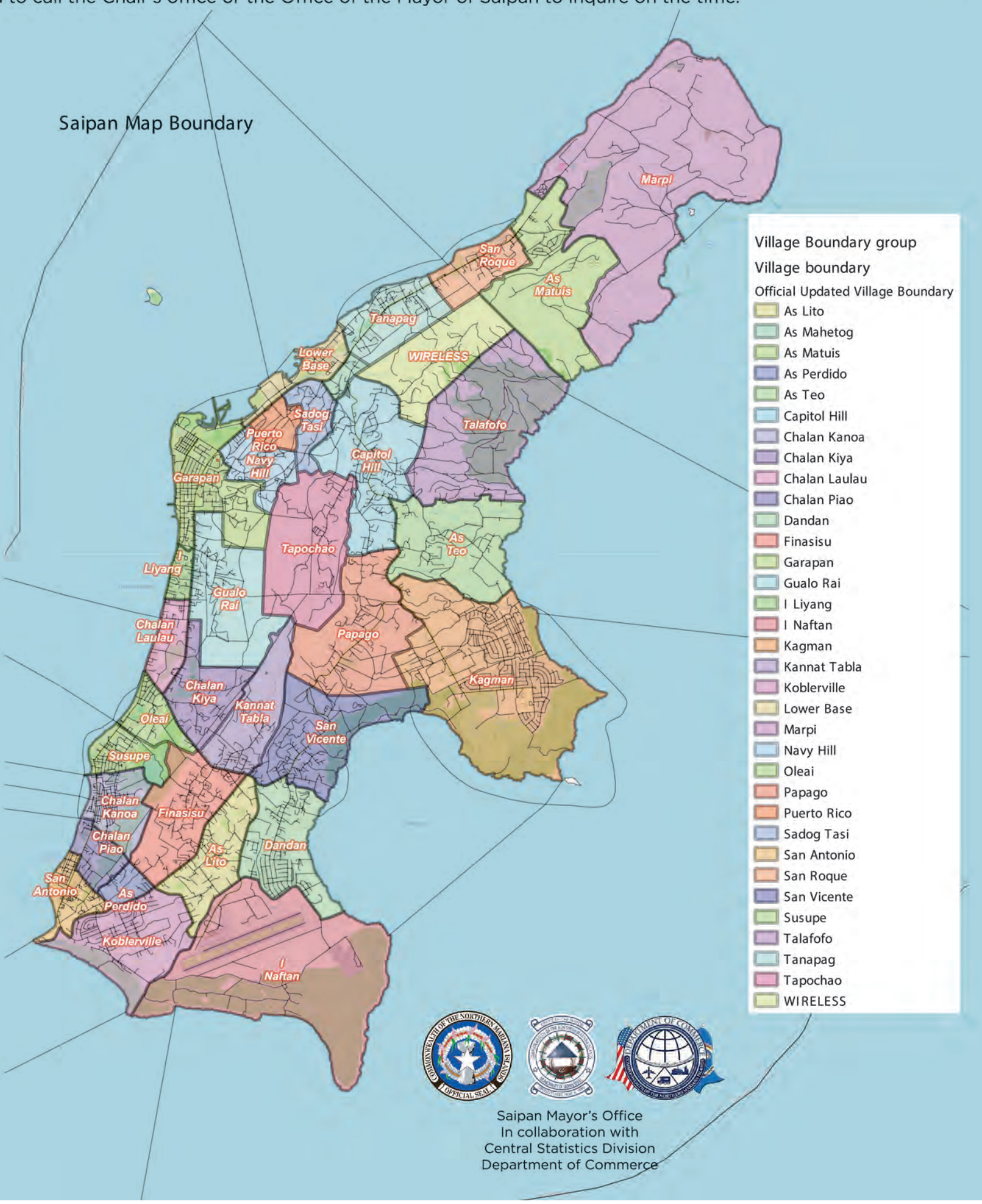
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

HOUSE BILL NO. 22-82

Representative Denita Yangetmai, Chair of the House Standing Committee on Commerce and Tourism, and Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang are inviting the public to comment on House Bill No. 22-82, titled, "To adopt the village delimitation and name master map for Saipan as the village delimitation and name master map for Saipan and to provide for the Office of the Mayor of Saipan to be the primary custodian for maintaining and preserving the master map and for the Department of Commerce – Central Statistics Division to be the secondary custodian; and for other purposes."

The public may view House Bill No. 22-82 on the CNMI Legislature website, at https: //cnmileg.net, and the Office of the Mayor of Saipan website, at https:// www.saipanmayor.net. The proposed Standard Village Delimitation and Name Master Map may also be viewed on the mayor's office website.

Written comments may be delivered to the Office of the Mayor of Saipan or to the Office of Chair Yangetmai. Written comments should be submitted no later than June 28, 2022. The House Standing Committee on Commerce and Tourism will be accepting oral comments at a public hearing scheduled for June 28, 2022. Time of the public hearing has not been set and the public is encouraged to call the Chair's office or the Office of the Mayor of Saipan to inquire on the time.



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Hunting humans: Ludicrous Eric Greitens hits a new low targeting fellow Republicans

Missourians have long been accustomed to boorish behavior from Eric Greitens, the disgraced former governor credibly accused of tying up and forcing a woman to perform oral sex on him, in addition to charges of major campaign finance violations. He resigned in dishonor after those allegations surfaced. Later, his ex-wife alleged he had also abused her and their children, even knocking one of their sons' tooth loose.

But the state will still be outraged by Greitens' latest stupidity: a commercial produced to support his candidacy for the U.S. Senate.

In the video, Greitens introduces himself as a Navy SEAL, which is misleading enough. He's a civilian whose service in the Navy remains highly controversial.

He's carrying a weapon, which is terrifying too. "Today, we're going RINO hunting," Greitens says.

What follows is deeply appalling in any context, let alone in the days following gun massacres in Uvalde, Texas, and Buffalo, New York. The candidate is surrounded by anonymous figures dressed in what appear to be military camouflage uniforms.

The squad bashes down a door. Someone tosses a flash-bang grenade. Greitens walks through the door, into the smoke.

"Join the MAGA crew," he says. "Getting a RINO hunting permit. There's no bagging limit, and no tagging limit." RINO, of course, refers to "Republicans in name only."

Is Eric Greitens seriously suggesting his political critics should be shot dead? Murdered without consequence? It sure seems that way.

"It's fanatically un-American to call for assassinating your political enemies, and doing so is dangerous in today's political climate and disqualifying for any candidate seeking elected office," Missouri state Sen. Lauren Arthur said in a tweet.

"If he gets through the primary, Eric Greitens will be the most embarrassing major party candidate in a statewide race since David Duke," said Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas.

That sounds right to us. That Greitens would consider such a video during the Jan. 6 congressional hearings on actual political violence is grotesque.

The Republican primary for the Senate seat now occupied by Roy Blunt has been an unqualified disaster. Eric Schmitt, the state's attorney general, beclowns himself on an hourly basis, filing frivolous and costly lawsuits for political motives. He's a disgrace.

Rep. Vicky Hartzler has based her campaign on gender bigotry and scare tactics. She criticized any effort to restrict guns before the blood had been cleaned from the floor in Uvalde.

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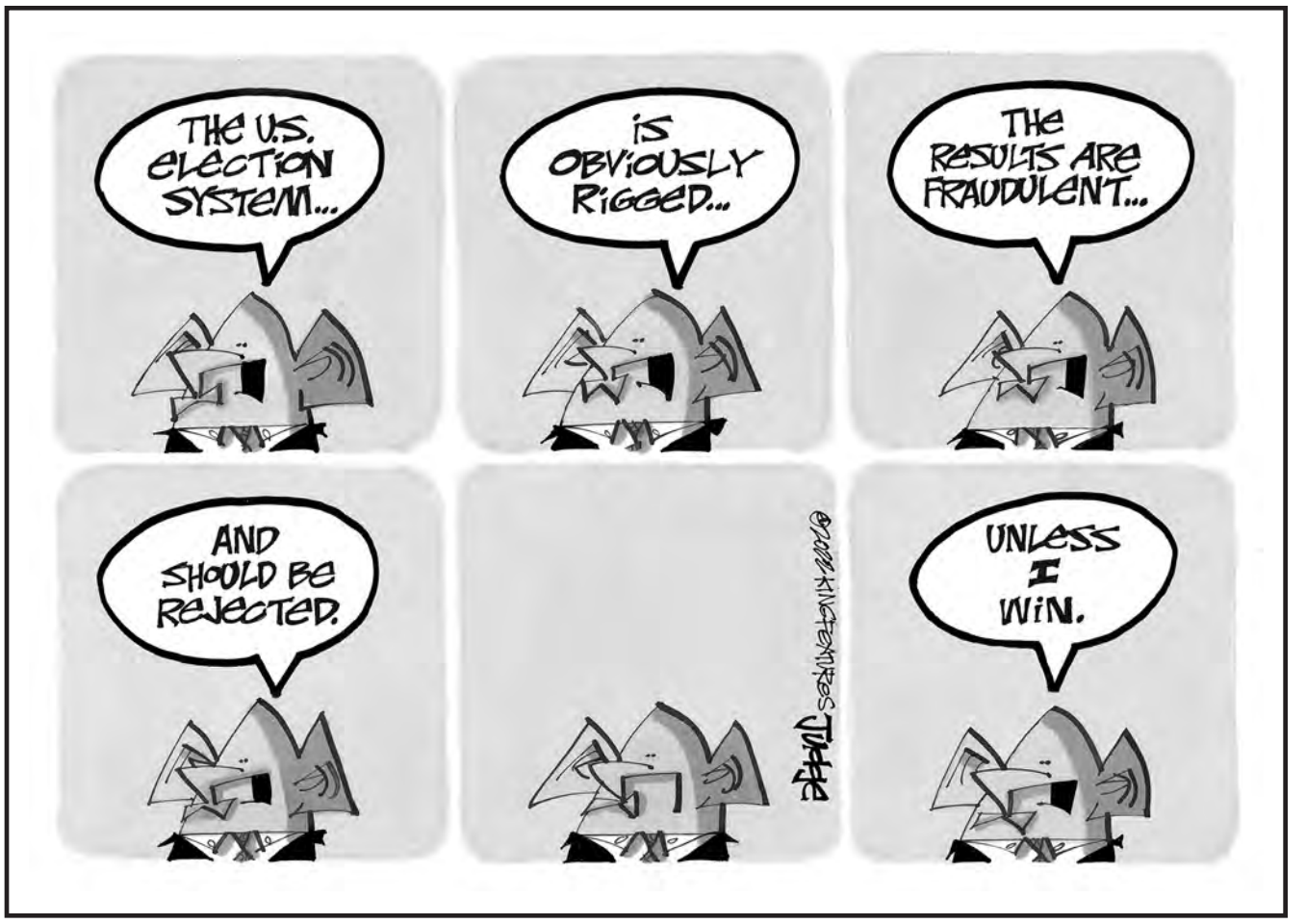

Assault rifles should be restricted to the military. Period

By STEVEN P. GROSSMAN
The Baltimore Sun

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Some of you may remember the disastrous years between 1994 and 2004. During that period assault rifles like the AR-15 were outlawed nationally. Absent the availability of these guns for hunting, deer, moose and other animals were running rampant through streets in many cities. Because these weapons could no longer be used for self-defense, criminals felt vastly freer to commit all sorts of crimes. As the NRA and other gun rights groups and politicians predicted, the Second Amendment's protection of the right to bear arms was just about eviscerated. That is why around the turn of the 21st century almost nobody in the U.S. was allowed to possess guns of any kind.

You don't recall that? Perhaps it is because none of those things, except the ban on assault weapons, actually happened.

They did not happen, primarily, for two reasons. Assault weapons are almost never used for hunting or in self- defense against a criminal. The second reason was because, as with most predictions from the NRA and like-minded groups and individuals, these projections were at best wrong and at worst calamitous.

Those of a certain age might recall the NRA argument that the best way to reduce crime was not to limit the amount and types of guns in circulation, but to produce and sell more and more guns. By selling guns to "good people," the thinking went, we would be deterring bad people from committing crimes. So how has that worked out? Almost anyone has or can purchase the gun of his choice now—perhaps not at a gun store (although most people can), but at a gun show, having someone else buy it for you or purchasing and making a ghost gun at home. It is estimated that there are about 400 million guns in private hands in the U.S., whose population is about 330 million. That is more than one gun per person and assuming that children under 5 are unlikely to own them (even in Texas), it is clear that many people have a personal arsenal to choose from.

We hear that there is no specific definition of an assault weapon and any ban of them would be only partially effective. That is worthy of discussion, but we never hear the other side: Why should we allow guns capable of such mass murder at all? What purpose do they serve? It is argued that some like the weapons for sport. But we have seen another purpose. The AR-15 seems to be the weapon of choice for the mass murderer. No surprise there, because of the weapon's ability to fire off many rounds very fast. It is a weapon of war, and its use should be restricted to the military. Perhaps we can ask those who use the weapon for sport to use a different weapon, if banning this one can save innocent lives.

The right-to-bear-arms Second Amendment suffered no significant damage when assault weapons were banned three decades ago. The government did not take away assault guns that were purchased before the ban. Much like the First Amendment's protection of freedom of speech, the second amendment is not absolute. In fact, in the most pro-gun case decided by the Supreme Court, justices made clear that reasonable limitations on gun possession and use are consistent with constitutional protections.

What can be more reasonable than outlawing the sale of a weapon that has little valid purpose and, as we have seen lately, causes so much human destruction? Why would anyone need a magazine that can hold 30 rounds or be altered to hold 100 rounds, enabling repeat firing without needing to be reloaded? We understand it for the military, and we understand it for the mass murderer, but what proper role is there for civilians to have such high powered weapons?

What often goes unspoken, but is very real, especially among anti-government groups, is the notion that these weapons are needed to protect against government tyranny. But what does this mean in practice? Is it that if the police or some other government agents come to seize a person or property, the proper way to oppose the government should come from the barrel of a semi-automatic weapon and not the courts? We are a government of laws, and, as difficult as it is at times, we rely upon those laws for what we can and cannot do.

Is it not possible to get by as a nation with only the 400 million guns we have now? The U.S. has, by far, more guns per capita than any nation in the world. Republicans say that the days after a gun tragedy is the wrong time to discuss weapons limitations. The problem is that there are so many such tragedies these days, there is no period of time between them.

No weapons limitation will prevent all tragedies like those at Parkland, Sandy Hook, Buffalo, El Paso and Uvalde, but let us at least have the courage to try to prevent some of them.

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Beware the nested games of Russia's war against Ukraine

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Bloomberg News

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"Beware the nested game." It is one of the least-known but most useful adages to keep in mind when following international affairs, and it is especially relevant now that Lithuania has announced a blockade of sanctioned Russian goods.

A nested game is what it sounds like—a game within a game. It recognizes that the actors in most real-world settings are not unified and have conflicting motives. The classic example is the failure of a proposed Middle East peace deal because some hardline faction sponsored a terror attack or an assassination. The agreement was never just the two sides dealing with each other; each side was also dealing with its own internal conflicts.

The nested game theory can help increase understanding of the Russian war against Ukraine too, and unfortunately it shows that the risk of escalation is increasing. Most assessments of the war measure the relative military strengths of each side. That is surely important—but so are the nested games. Russia and Ukraine are not monolithic. Each country encompasses many diverse interests and opinions, especially if "Ukraine plus its allies" is defined as one side of the conflict.

Lithuania has announced that it would block rail shipments of sanctioned goods to the Russian exclave of Kaliningrad, an outpost of Russian territory surrounded by Lithuania, Poland and the Baltic Sea, with no direct land connection to the Russian mainland. Lithuania claims, not incorrectly, that such a blockade follows from EU sanctions against Russia.

Still, from Russia's point of view, it may feel like an act of war when a NATO member cuts off part of the connection between Kaliningrad and the mainland. Various Russian officials have threatened escalation and retaliation, while leaving the details vague. Russia also claims this blockade violates previous transport agreements with Lithuania.

If Lithuania had not imposed this blockade when it did, it is not clear the European Union would have forced it to do so (delaying or renegotiating EU pledges is hardly unprecedented, especially when preexisting agreements with other countries can be cited). In this sense the blockade was a strategic decision on the part of Lithuania. One view of Lithuania's strategy is that it is forcing or inducing its allies to affirm their support, at a more rather than less favorable moment in the hostilities.

It's too soon to tell whether this is a wise strategy for Lithuania. But the point is that Lithuania's interests are not identical to NATO's, the EU's or the US's. Given some risk of Russian escalation, and in light of my view that punishing Kaliningrad is a low priority, I personally would have preferred if Lithuania had not made this decision.

Instead, by playing a nested game, Lithuania has made matters riskier for some of the other parties involved. Lithuania also has made the course of the conflict more difficult to predict, because hostilities could spread to the Baltics as well.

Now some of the smaller players in the region, especially those which fear Russia the most, may see advantages in escalating the conflict. It is the conventional wisdom that time is now on Russia's side, so smaller countries may feel a sense of urgency that, say, Germany does not.

Nested games tend to complicate rather than simplify situations. Is the disturbing agent here Lithuania or the US, as some suggest? What exactly are the splits of opinion within the Lithuanian government? What does Poland think about the timing of this possible escalation? Speaking of which, Poland has been playing nested games all along, as it faces ongoing decisions about how directly to be involved in supplying weapons to Ukraine, which can heighten the risk of Russian attacks in Polish territory.

Merely outlining all the different questions can be dizzying. In this way, the nested games theory functions as a kind of alternative to game theory and its vaunted ability to predict the future. But therein lies the danger too.

Game theory isn't always correct about the future, of course. But it is a useful discipline because it forces people to consider the worst possible outcomes. The risk of the nested games theory is that it can lead to an acceptance of the internal logic of a narrow faction or situation—and once wars get started, they tend to develop logics all their own. Throughout history far too many wars have spiraled out of control for reasons that appear arbitrary, nonsensical or simply unnecessary, but that make sense under a theory of nested games.

All of which is a way of saying that the value of the nested game theory is its explanatory power, not its predictive worth. And that once nested games take hold, the risks of escalation grow.

War in Ukraine is a battle of wills and economic pain—and the West is showing fatigue

By DOYLE MCMANUS
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I was in the hills of northern Italy last week, mostly on vacation but also curious to see how the war in Ukraine has affected life next door in Europe.

It wasn't hard to find the effects.

You're unhappy about $5 a gallon for gas? Try $8. "It's painful filling the tank," my friend Roberto Pesciani, a retired teacher, moaned.

Utility bills? The cost of natural gas is four times as high in Italy as in the United States.

"Heating prices are up. Grocery prices are up. Everything's going up," Pesciani said.

The worries go beyond inflation. Italy's foreign minister, Luigi Di Maio, warned recently that Russia's blockade on Ukraine's grain exports could spark a global bread war, producing famine in Africa and a new wave of migrants heading for Europe.

"The problem with sanctions on Russia is that they will only work if they hurt us too," Pesciani observed.

The economic pain is creating political problems for European governments that have joined the U.S.-led campaign of sanctions against Russia: "Ukraine fatigue."

"It's here already," Nathalie Tocci, director of Italy's Institute of International Affairs, told me. "The pain (from sanctions) is far higher in Russia than in the West, of course, but our tolerance of pain is lower. So the question is which curve is steeper—Russia's ability to wage war or our ability to endure economic pain."

Russian President Vladimir Putin is betting he'll win that contest. The West's economic sanctions "had no chance of success from the very beginning," he said in a fiery speech in St. Petersburg on Friday. "We are a strong people and can cope with any challenge."

The political anxiety in Italy and its neighbors was reflected in a 10-country poll released last week by the European Council on Foreign Relations.

Most Europeans blame Russia for starting the war, but they're divided over what to do about it, the poll found.

In both Germany and France, a plurality of about 40% are in what the pollsters called a "peace camp": They want the war to end as soon as possible, even if that requires Ukrainian concessions to Russia. About 20% are in a "justice camp": They want to see Russia suffer a decisive defeat, even if that means a longer war.

Italians are even more dovish. A majority, 52%, are in the peace camp.

Despite that, French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi took an overnight train from Poland to Kyiv, the embattled Ukrainian capital, last week to show their support for Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Only a few weeks ago, all three sounded wobbly on the war. Macron made a very public effort to entice Putin into talks and said the West should avoid trying to "humiliate" Russia. Scholz and Draghi made more discreet attempts to see if the Russian leader might consider negotiations.

Putin, bent on military victory, rebuffed all three. At one point he even refused to take a telephone call from Macron.

So last week, having shown their restive voters that they had tried to make peace, the three Western leaders took a harder line in Kyiv.

Ukraine "must be able to win," Macron declared.

"Ukraine is part of the European family," Scholz said.

"The Ukrainian people are defending the values of democracy," Draghi said.

The three didn't deliver what Zelenskyy wanted most: quick delivery of new weapons.

But they did endorse Ukraine's application for membership in the European Union—a welcome statement in Kyiv even if it was almost entirely symbolic.

The main impact, though, was a surprisingly firm signal to Putin that Europe's united front isn't crumbling yet.

The Russian president responded by immediately cutting the flow of natural gas to the West, a reminder that he can inflict economic pain on his neighbors whenever he likes.

Americans, including President Joe Biden, have it easier. We don't rely on Russian natural gas to heat our homes. And domestically, the confrontation with Russia has produced an unusual bipartisan consensus: Democrats have lined up behind Biden's hawkish stance; most Republicans have too, except for the most zealously pro-Trump wing of the GOP.

Even in the United States, however, inflation has eroded public support for the war—only less dramatically than in Europe.

In April, an Associated Press poll found that a majority of American voters thought the United States should impose tough sanctions against Russia, even if it means U.S. economic pain. By May, the majority had shifted; 51% said the top priority should be limiting damage to the U.S. economy.

As Gideon Rachman of London's Financial Times noted last month, the war in Ukraine is being fought on three fronts—and the West is involved in all three. "The first front is the battlefield itself," he wrote. "The second front is economic. The third front is the battle of wills."

The greatest challenge on that third front may come this fall—when the demand for heating fuel increases, when Putin finds new ways to undermine Western cohesion, and when Biden returns to Congress to ask for billions more in aid.

The stakes will be high. Can the leaders of Europe and the United States rally their people to endure economic sacrifice for the sake of Ukraine—or is that a contest only Putin can win?

HUNTING

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Other Republican candidates have been harder to hear, or see. Naturally, they have no chance.

Now, Greitens hints at homicide.

Missourians have not been well-served by this ridiculousness. The nation faces serious problems, and needs a reasonable debate among candidates for the Senate. A Republican who approaches the race with the seriousness it deserves should get a hearing from voters, and would deserve it.

With the primary now just weeks away, the lack of a real discussion of issues is stunning, and depressing. It's beyond comprehension that Missouri voters would consider a man who resigned his office in disgrace under so many clouds. He shouldn't get near any elected office, or any position of responsibility.

He's also a coward. He's a tough guy with a gun on TV, but ducks every debate and every legitimate press interview. He's accused of beating his wife and children. He stole veterans' honor by falsely suggesting to Stephen Colbert that he helped kill Osama bin Laden. Missouri voters should send him to the ash heap of history, where he belongs.

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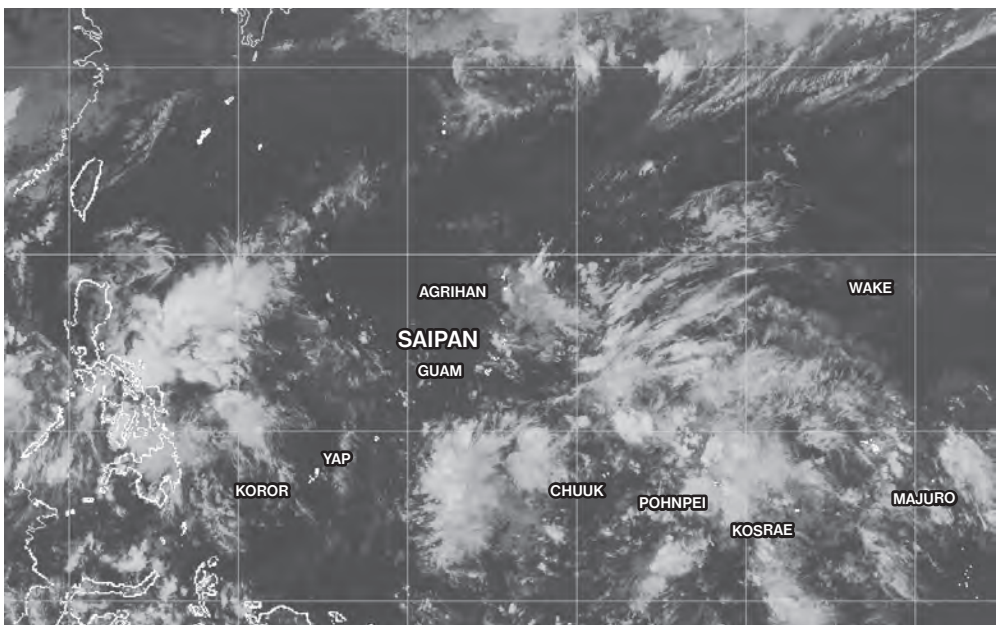
The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Scattered showers and thunderstorms.	Scattered showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly sunny.	A chance of showers. Partly sunny.	A chance of showers. Partly sunny.
87° 77°	87° 78°	87° 78°	87° 78°	87° 79°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Satellite and radar imagery showed isolated showers over the Marianas this morning. An upper-level low approaching the are will cause an increase in shower and thunderstorms this afternoon.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA	▲ ▼ °F	
Guam and Rota	Scattered Thunderstorms	88° / 79°
Palau	Partly Cloudy	85° / 76°
Yap	Partly Cloudy	85° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	85° /79°
Pohnpei	Scattered Thunderstorms	86° / 78°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Majuro	Scattered Thunderstorms	84° / 80°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Friday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Saturday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Sunday	5:49 AM	6:50 PM
Monday	5:49 AM	6:50 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	1:24 AM	1:59 PM	-
Friday	2:00 AM	2:48 PM	-
Saturday	2:38 AM	3:38 PM	-
Sunday	3:18 AM	4:29 PM	-
Monday	4:00 AM	5:21 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲ ▼ °F	
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	59° / 50°
Beijing	Thunderstorms	98° / 71°
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	87° / 80°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	84° / 73°
London	Partly Cloudy	79° / 58°
Los Angeles	Showers	84° / 65°
Manila	Thunderstorms	91° / 79°
Melbourne	Showers	58° / 48°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	86° / 77°
New York	Cloudy	81° / 65°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	87° / 78°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	80° / 63°
Busan	Light Rain/Wind	79° / 73°
Rome	Partly Cloudy	93° / 69°
Salem	Sunny	90° / 64°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	68° / 52°
Seoul	Thunderstorms	78° / 69°
Tokyo	Cloudy	83° / 72°
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms	88° / 66°

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
3:13 AM	High Tide	2.09
10:18 AM	Low Tide	0.63
4:23 PM	High Tide	1.57
9:34 PM	Low Tide	1.04

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

■ Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.

■ Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.

■ Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.

■ Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.

■ Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.

■ Create a household plan of action, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html

■ Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

■ Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.

■ Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

■ Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:

• Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.

• Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

• Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

• Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mpand, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:50AM	10:30AM	Daily
UA156	6:30PM	7:15PM	6

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	6:00AM	8:00AM	Daily
UA193	7:05PM	10:55PM	5 via Palau
UA183	7:10PM	9:10PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	Daily via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	10:55PM	5 via Guam, Palau

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

TW9308	3:30PM	7:20PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3405	3:30PM	7:25PM	6
RS112	3:45PM	7:30PM	3, 6
7C3405	3:50PM	7:45PM	3
OZ624	4:00PM	7:40PM	3, 6

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	2:00PM	5:20PM	7
7C3451	3:00PM	6:20PM	3
BX621	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	Daily
UA112	4:40PM	5:30PM	6

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:00PM	4:00AM+1	Daily
UA184	10:25PM	4:25AM+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:25PM	6:15AM+1	5 via Palau
UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

A184/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	1,2,3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
UA192/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Palau, Guam
UA184/174	11:50PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Guam

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3406	8:30AM	2:10PM	6
RS111	8:45AM	2:05PM	3, 6
7C3406	8:50AM	2:30PM	3
TW9307	9:00AM	2:30PM	4, 6, 7
OZ623	9:00AM	2:30PM	3, 6
TW9307	9:15AM	2:30PM	3

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	8:00AM	1:00PM	7
BX621	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7
7C3452	9:00AM	2:00PM	3

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	SAIPAN	ROTA	8:30	9:00	Daily
1302	SAIPAN	ROTA	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
1302	SAIPAN	ROTA	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun
1303	SAIPAN	ROTA	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	ROTA	SAIPAN	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	ROTA	SAIPAN	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun
3102	ROTA	SAIPAN	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
3103	ROTA	SAIPAN	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

LIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	ROTA	GUAM	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	GUAM	ROTA	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1202	SAIPAN	TINIAN	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	SAIPAN	TINIAN	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	SAIPAN	TINIAN	10:00	10:15	Daily
1208	SAIPAN	TINIAN	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	SAIPAN	TINIAN	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	SAIPAN	TINIAN	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	SAIPAN	TINIAN	17:00	17:15	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2102	TINIAN	SAIPAN	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	TINIAN	SAIPAN	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	TINIAN	SAIPAN	10:30	10:45	Daily
2108	TINIAN	SAIPAN	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	TINIAN	SAIPAN	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	TINIAN	SAIPAN	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	TINIAN	SAIPAN	17:30	17:45	Daily

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NORTHERN MARIANAS PACIFIC MINI GAMES 2022

Business

United restarts services to Nagoya and Fukuoka

UNITED AIRLINES
All United flights to Japan will use the B737-800 aircraft offering 16 business class and 150 economy class seats.

» **Beginning Aug. 1, United to offer two flights weekly for each city to Guam**

» **United returns to pre-pandemic flight network by offering direct service between Guam and four Japan cities**

GUAM—United Airlines announced yesterday that the Nagoya-Guam and Fukuoka-Guam nonstop services will relaunch in August, further expanding the airline's non-stop service and capacity between Japan and Guam.

United will reopen its Nagoya-Guam service on Aug. 1 and offer two morning departures each week on Mondays and Fridays. Beginning Aug. 4, the two Fukuoka-Guam flights are scheduled to depart on Thursday and Sunday mornings. Also beginning Aug. 1, United will increase flights between Guam and Tokyo/Narita, Japan to 21 flights per week. All flights will use the B737-800 aircraft offering 16 business class and 150 economy class seats.

Sam Shinohara, managing director of airport operations for Asia Pacific at United, said, "We are thrilled to announce the reintroduction of service to Nagoya and Fukuoka. It has been our goal to return to pre-pandemic levels, and we will continue to add capacity between Guam and Japan as demand recovers."

The new flight schedules between Nagoya- and Fukuoka-Guam are scheduled as follows:

Nagoya (NGO) – Guam (GUM) Schedule Effective Aug. 1

Depart	Time	Arrive	Time	Day of the Week
Guam	7:30 a.m.	Nagoya	10:15 a.m.	Mon. / Fri.
Nagoya	11:30 a.m.	Guam	4:10 p.m.	Mon. / Fri.

Fukuoka (FUK) – Guam (GUM) Schedule Effective Aug. 4

Depart	Time	Arrive	Time	Day of the Week
Guam	7:05 a.m.	Fukuoka	10:10 a.m.	Thurs. / Sun.
Fukuoka	11:05 a.m.	Guam	4:05 p.m.	Thurs. / Sun.

The flights come at the heels of recent capacity increase announcements. United recently announced the reintroduction of its Osaka/Kansai, Japan to Guam service beginning July 1 and an increase in weekly flights to 21 flights per week between Guam and Tokyo/Narita, Japan beginning Aug. 1, making United the only airline that provides direct service from Guam to Japan. With the addition of the Nagoya and Fukuoka services, United will offer 28 weekly flights between the countries.

"Now that restrictions have eased, Guam residents are ready to travel to Japan again. Opening travel to two more cities in Japan will provide customers in Guam with added opportunities to experience this beautiful country or connect to additional destinations in Asia and the U.S.," Shinohara added.

Flights can be booked at united.com, the United app, or through local travel agencies. Customers in Guam can receive assistance at the United City Ticket Office in Tiyan or by calling 1-800-864-8331. ***(PR)***

Kellogg to split into three companies

Kellogg Co., the 116-year-old maker of Frosted Flakes, Rice Krispies, Pringles and Eggo, will split into three companies focused on cereals, snacks and plant-based foods.

Kellogg's, which also owns plant-based food brand MorningStar Farms, said Tuesday that the spinoff of the yet-to-be-named cereal and plant-based foods companies should be completed by the end of next year.

Kellogg's had net sales of $14.2 billion in 2021, with $11.4 billion generated by its snack division, which makes Cheez-Its, Pringles and Pop-Tarts, among other brands. Cereal accounted for another $2.4 billion in sales last year while plant-based sales totaled around $340 million.

In a conference call with investors, CEO Steve Cahillane said separating the businesses will make them more nimble and better able to focus on their own products. All three businesses have significant stand-alone potential, he said.

"Cereal will be solely dedicated to winning in cereal and will not have to compete for resources against the high-growth snacking business," said Cahillane, a former Coca-Cola and AB InBev executive who joined Kellogg in 2017.

Cahillane will become chairman and CEO of the global snacking company. The management team of the cereal company will be named later. The board of directors has approved the spinoffs.

Shareholders will receive shares in the two spinoffs on a pro-rata basis relative to their Kellogg holdings. ***(AP)***

Nation

Senators reach a compromise on bipartisan gun violence bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate bargainers reached agreement Tuesday on a bipartisan gun violence bill, potentially teeing up final passage by week's end on an incremental but landmark package that would stand as Congress' response to mass shootings in Texas and New York that shook the nation.

Lawmakers released the 80-page bill nine days after agreeing to a framework for the plan and 29 years after Congress last enacted major firearms curbs. It cleared an initial procedural hurdle by 64-34, with 14 Republicans joining all 48 Democrats and two allied independents in voting yes. That strongly supported a prediction by Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., of approval later this week. Passage by the Democratic-led House could follow quickly.

Though Republicans blocked tougher restrictions sought by Democrats, the accord marks an election-year breakthrough on an issue that pits the GOP's staunch gun-owning and rural voters against Democrats' urban-centered backers of firearms curbs. That makes it one of the most incendiary culture war battlefields in politics and a sensitive vote for some lawmakers, particularly Republicans who might alienate Second Amendment stalwarts.

The legislation would toughen background checks for the youngest firearms buyers, require more sellers to conduct background checks and beef up penalties on gun traffickers. It also would disburse money to states and communities to improve school safety and mental health initiatives.

Aides estimated the measure would cost around $15 billion, which Sen. Chris Murphy of Connecticut, the lead Democratic bargainer, said would be fully paid for.

Resolving one final hurdle that delayed the accord, the bill would prohibit romantic partners convicted of domestic violence and not married to their victims from getting firearms. Convicted abusers who are married to, live with or had children with their victims are already barred from having guns.

Jan. 6 panel in possession of new Trump docu footage

WASHINGTON (AP)—New footage of former President Donald Trump and his inner circle taken both before and after Jan. 6, 2021, is now in the possession of the House committee investigating the deadly attack on the Capitol.

The revelation of the never-before-seen footage came to light Tuesday amidst the committee's public hearings when British filmmaker Alex Holder revealed he had complied with a congressional subpoena to turn over all of the footage he shot in the final weeks of Trump's 2020 reelection campaign.

"When we began this project in September 2020, we could have never predicted that our work would one day be subpoenaed by Congress," Holder wrote in a statement on Twitter.

The filmmaker said the footage includes exclusive interviews with Trump, his children and then-Vice President Mike Pence while on the campaign trail as well as before and after the insurrection on the Capitol.

The first senior leaders of the Trump campaign heard about the documentary was Tuesday morning when the project was first reported by Politico, according to two former officials who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the group's reaction.

The series, which has been titled "Unprecedented," had been purchased by a streaming service and was scheduled to be released in three parts this summer, Holder wrote.

The news of the footage also came as members of the committee held its fourth public hearing, this time focused on how Trump's relentless pressure to overturn the 2020 presidential election led to widespread threats against local election workers and state officials.

Rep. Jamie Raskin, D-Md., one of the members of the panel, told reporters Tuesday afternoon that he had been contacted personally by a person who had knowledge of the footage and that is when the committee decided to issue its subpoena.

ACROSS THE NATION

South Dakota AG convicted on 2 impeachment charges, removed

PIERRE, S.D. (AP)—The South Dakota Senate on Tuesday convicted Attorney General Jason Ravnsborg of two impeachment charges stemming from a 2020 fatal crash, removing and barring him from future office in a stinging rebuke that showed most senators didn't believe his account of the crash. Ravnsborg, a first-term Republican who only recently announced he wouldn't seek reelection, showed little emotion as senators convicted him first of committing a crime that caused someone's death. They then delivered another guilty verdict on a malfeasance charge that alleged he misled investigators and misused his office. Ravnsborg told a 911 dispatcher the night of the crash that he might have struck a deer or other large animal and has said he didn't know he struck a man—55-year-old Joseph Boever—until he returned to the scene the next morning. Criminal investigators said they didn't believe some of Ravnsborg's statements, and several senators made clear they didn't either.

Plane catches fire after landing at Miami airport, 3 injured

MIAMI (AP)—A jetliner carrying 126 people caught fire after landing Tuesday at Miami International Airport when the front landing gear collapsed, but no serious injuries were reported, authorities said. The fire followed the collapse of that landing gear on a Red Air flight arriving from Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Miami-Dade Aviation Department spokesman Greg Chin said in an email to The Associated Press. The MD-82 jetliner was carrying 126 people, and three of them were taken to a hospital for treatment of minor injuries, he added. Other passengers were being bussed from the plane to the terminal.

Asia

Afghan quake kills at least 255

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—An earthquake struck eastern Afghanistan early Wednesday, killing at least 255 people, authorities said.

Information remained scarce on the magnitude 6 temblor that struck Paktika province, but it comes as the international community largely has left Afghanistan after the Taliban takeover of the country last year amid the chaotic withdrawal of the U.S. military from the longest war in its history.

That likely will complicate any relief efforts for this country of 38 million people.

The state-run Bakhtar news agency reported the death toll and said rescuers were arriving by helicopter. The news agency's director-general, Abdul Wahid Rayan, wrote on Twitter that 90 houses have been destroyed in Paktika and dozens of people are believed trapped under the rubble.

Footage from Paktika province near the Pakistan border showed victims being carried into helicopters to be airlifted from the area. Images widely circulating online from the province showed destroyed stone houses, with residents picking through clay bricks and other rubble.

Bakhtar posted footage of a resident receiving IV fluids from a plastic chair outside the rubble of his home and others sprawled on gurneys.

"A severe earthquake shook four districts of Paktika province, killing and injuring hundreds of our countrymen and destroying dozens of houses," Bilal Karimi, a deputy spokesman for the Taliban government, separately wrote on Twitter. "We urge all aid agencies to send teams to the area immediately to prevent further catastrophe."

Neighboring Pakistan's Meteorological Department put the earthquake at a magnitude 6.1. Tremors were felt in the Pakistani capital, Islamabad, and elsewhere in the eastern Punjab province.

The European seismological agency, EMSC, said the earthquake's tremors were felt over 500 kilometers (310 miles) by 119 million people across Afghanistan, Pakistan and India.

Mountainous Afghanistan and the larger region of South Asia, where the Indian tectonic plate collides with the Eurasian plate to the north, has long been vulnerable to devastating earthquakes.

In 2015, a major earthquake that struck the country's northeast killed over 200 people in Afghanistan and neighboring northern Pakistan.

Philadelphia mayor sorry for slain Filipino

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The mayor of Philadelphia expressed shock and sorrow over the killing of a Filipino lawyer who was shot in the city over the weekend and is offering a $20,000 reward for information that will lead to the arrest of the shooter, a senior Philippine diplomat said Wednesday.

John Albert Laylo and his mother were heading to the airport to board a flight early Saturday when someone in a nearby car fired several rounds into their Uber at a red light near the University of Pennsylvania, police said. Laylo was hit in the back of the head and died Sunday in a hospital.

"I am sorry. It's terrible," Philippine Consul General Elmer Cato quoted Mayor Jim Kenney as telling him in a meeting at Philadelphia City Hall in an apology for Laylo's family and the Philippines. The mayor told him a $20,000 reward was being offered for any information that will lead to the arrest of the gunman, he said.

The victim's mother, Leah Laylo, "told me to convey to the mayor her anguish, her anger and her demand for justice" and Kenney gave his assurance "that everything will be done to bring whoever is responsible for the death of her son to justice," Cato told The Associated Press.

"I also conveyed the great importance the Philippine government places on this case and the hope that authorities would do everything they can to solve the case," he said.

Laylo, 35, had last worked for a private company in Manila, Cato said. He had also served as a legislative staffer for opposition Sen. Leila de Lima from 2016 to 2018 then left to take up graduate studies. De Lima earlier expressed hope a suspect would immediately be held to account "for the brutal and senseless act."

In Cato's meeting with Kenney, who was with two police officials involved in the investigation of the shooting, "we were told it is mostly likely a case of mistaken identity," Cato said without elaborating. He added police were analyzing video footage that showed some vehicles, including a black Cadillac, near the car carrying Laylo and his mother shortly before or around the time of the attack.

Kenney expressed his concern over the proliferation of guns that has led to deadly shootings in the U.S., Cato said.

CHINA FLOODING CHINATOPIX VIA AP

A worker checks a section of flooded railway in Shangrao in central China's Jiangxi province, Tuesday, June 21, 2022. Major flooding has forced the evacuation of tens of thousands of people in southern China, with more rain expected.

World

'Everything is on fire'

AP

A man rides a bicycle past a building damaged in Russian shelling in Bakhmut, Donetsk region, Ukraine, Monday, June 20, 2022.

KYIV, Ukraine (AP)—Russian attacks laid down a curtain of fire Tuesday across areas of eastern Ukraine where pockets of resistance are denying Moscow full military control of the region, almost four months after the Kremlin unleashed its invasion.

"Today everything that can burn is on fire," Serhiy Haidai, the governor of Ukraine's eastern Luhansk region, told The Associated Press.

Russia's war has caused alarm over food supplies from Ukraine to the rest of the world and gas supplies from Russia, as well as raising questions about security in Western Europe.

The Russian military currently controls about 95% of the Luhansk region. But Moscow has struggled for weeks to overrun it completely, despite deploying additional troops and possessing a massive advantage in military assets.

"With the help of tactical movements, the Ukrainian army is strengthening defenses in the Luhansk region," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in his nightly video address. "That really is where the toughest situation is now."

» Ukraine region weathers bombardment

In the city of Sievierodonetsk, the hot spot of the fighting, Ukrainian defenders held on to the Azot chemical plant in the industrial outskirts. About 500 civilians are sheltering at the plant, and Haidai said the Russian forces are turning the area "into ruins."

"It is a sheer catastrophe," Haidai told the AP in written comments about the plant. "Our positions are being fired at from howitzers, multiple rocket launchers, large-caliber artillery, missile strikes."

The defense of the chemical plant recalled the besieged Azovstal steel mill in the brutalized city of Mariupol, where Ukrainian troops were pinned down for weeks.

Neighboring Lysychansk, the only city in the Luhansk region that is still fully under Ukrainian control, also was targeted by multiple airstrikes.

US, Iran in tense sea incident; Tehran preps centrifuges

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—A U.S. Navy warship fired a warning flare to wave off an Iranian Revolutionary Guard speedboat coming straight at it during a tense encounter in the strategic Strait of Hormuz, officials said Tuesday.

The incident on Monday involving the Guard and the Navy comes as tensions remain high over stalled negotiations over Iran's tattered nuclear deal with world powers and as Tehran enriches uranium closer than ever to weapons-grade levels under decreasing international oversight.

Meanwhile, the United Nations' nuclear watchdog said Iran now plans to enrich uranium through a second set of advanced centrifuges at its underground Fordo facility amid the standoff.

The Cyclone-class patrol ship USS Sirocco and Spearhead-class expeditionary fast transport USNS Choctaw County found themselves in the close encounter with three Iranian fast boats while coming through the Strait of Hormuz to enter the Persian Gulf, the Navy said.

In a video released by the Navy's Bahrain-based 5th Fleet, a high-speed Guard Boghammar is seen turning head-on toward the Sirocco. The Sirocco repeatedly blows its horn at the Boghammar, which turns away as it closes in. The flare shot can be heard, but not seen, as the Boghammar passes the Sirocco with the Iranian flag flying above it.

The Navy said the Boghammar came within 50 yards (45 meters) of the Sirocco, raising the risk of the vessels running into each other. The overall encounter lasted about an hour, the Navy said.

The Guard's "actions did not meet international standards of professional or safe maritime behavior, increasing the risk of miscalculation and collision," the Navy said.

Iran did not immediately acknowledge the incident in the strategic waterway—a fifth of all traded oil passes through the strait.

The Navy separately told The Associated Press that this marked the second so-called "unsafe and unprofessional" incident it had with Iran in recent months.

Environment

WITH LEVELS 'NOT SEEN FOR MILLIONS OF YEARS'

Carbon dioxide now over 50% higher than preindustrial times

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Levels of carbon dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere have soared to levels that are now more than 50% higher than in preindustrial times.

Levels of carbon dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere have soared to levels that are now more than 50% higher than in preindustrial times, scientists with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said Friday.

Carbon dioxide, or CO2, measured at NOAA's Mauna Loa Atmospheric Baseline Observatory in Hawaii peaked for 2022 at 421 parts per million in May, "pushing the atmosphere further into territory not seen for millions of years," experts said.

Prior to the Industrial Revolution—and for almost 6,000 years of human civilization—CO2 levels were consistently around 280 ppm. Since that period of profound technological transformations, which began in the 18th century, scientists estimate that humans have generated around 1.5 trillion tons of CO2 pollution, much of which will continue to warm the planet for thousands of years to come.

The announcement was made by scientists from NOAA—a federal agency that provides science and service to protect the Earth's natural resources—and from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California San Diego.

"The science is irrefutable: humans are altering our climate in ways that our economy and our infrastructure must adapt to," NOAA Administrator Rick Spinrad said in a statement.

"We can see the impacts of climate change around us every day. The relentless increase of carbon dioxide measured at Mauna Loa is a stark reminder that we need to take urgent, serious steps to become a more Climate Ready Nation," he added.

According to NOAA, carbon dioxide pollution is generated by the burning of fossil fuels for transportation and electrical generation, as well as cement manufacturing, deforestation, agriculture and other practices.

"Along with other greenhouse gases, CO2 traps heat radiating from the planet's surface that would otherwise escape into space, causing the planet's atmosphere to warm steadily, which unleashes a cascade of weather impacts, including episodes of extreme heat, drought and wildfire activity, as well as heavier precipitation, flooding and tropical storm activity," the agency said.

"It's depressing that we've lacked the collective willpower to slow the relentless rise in CO2," said Ralph Keeling, a renowned geochemistry professor who runs the Scripps program at Mauna Loa. "Fossil-fuel use may no longer be accelerating, but we are still racing at top speed towards a global catastrophe," he added.

Pieter Tans, senior scientist with the Global Monitoring Laboratory, shared Keeling's frustration, saying that the high levels of CO2 in the atmosphere are nothing new—but still, the world has so far refused to act accordingly.

"We have known about this for half a century, and have failed to do anything meaningful about it," he said. "What's it going to take for us to wake up?"

UN biodiversity summit moved from China over COVID-19 policy

BEIJING (AP)—A United Nations summit on biodiversity will be held in Canada instead of China, organizers announced Tuesday, the second major international event to be moved from China because of its strict anti-coronavirus policies.

The U.N. secretariat for the Convention on Biological Diversity and China's environment ministry said in separate statements that the meeting will be held in December in Montreal, where the secretariat is based.

China, which is the chair of this round of meetings, decided to move them outside of the country "due to the continued uncertainties related to the ongoing global pandemic," Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, the executive secretary of the convention, said in her statement.

The Chinese environment ministry said the decision was made "after comprehensively considering the pandemic situation at home and abroad."

China withdrew last month as host of soccer's 2023 Asian Cup. It also indefinitely postponed the 2022 Asian Games, a sporting competition that was scheduled for September in the city of Hangzhou.

The country has stuck to a strict "zero-COVID" policy that has limited international visitors and repeatedly locked down parts or all of cities to stamp out any outbreak. The approach is increasingly at odds with other major countries that have loosened restrictions and moved toward living with the disease.

Seychelles says the rich world is failing on climate

By ANTONY SGUAZZIN and KAMLESH BHUCKORY
BLOOMBERG NEWS

Climate-aid pledges by industrialized nations are worthless, says the leader of the Seychelles, an Indian Ocean archipelago threatened by rising sea levels.

Promises made at COP26, the United Nations climate change conference in November, have not been met, said President Wavel Ramkalawan, adding that he expects nothing better at this year's event.

"I am totally disappointed. The big promises, the commitments and everything else, not one cent has come through," the leader said in an interview from his office in Victoria, the capital, on Thursday. This year "my expectations are not that high, but we have to go through the motions I guess," he said.

Wealthy countries agreed at the summit in Glascow to double the funding they give to poor nations to cope with climate change, without giving a specific figure. This year's COP27 will be in Egypt and is expected to focus on Africa's needs. A pledge made years ago to give $100 billion in funding annually wasn't met.

Ramkalawan, 61, called for a revamp of the way the need for grants and concessional finance to counter the impact of a warming planet—currently focused on wealth—is assessed.

While states such as the Seychelles aren't among the poorest, rising sea levels threaten to swamp the beaches they rely on for tourism dollars and, in cases such as the Maldives, flood the amount of land where people can live.

"We are labeled a high-income earning country and therefore the West will tell us now 'we can't make any grants'. They prefer to give their money to countries that waste everything, where things just don't happen," he said. "We need to establish a vulnerability index" that will allow us to receive assistance, he said.

GREEN BRIEFS

Germany to limit use of gas for electricity production

BERLIN (AP)—Germany's economy minister said Sunday that the country will limit the use of natural gas for electricity production amid concerns about possible shortages caused by a cut in supplies from Russia. Economy Minister Robert Habeck said that Germany will try to compensate for the move by increasing the burning of coal, a more polluting fossil fuel. "That's bitter, but it's simply necessary in this situation to lower gas usage," said Habeck, a member of the environmentalist Green party. Russian gas company Gazprom announced last week that it was sharply reducing supplies through the Nord Stream 1 pipeline for technical reasons, but which Habeck said appeared to be politically motivated. Germany, which has long relied heavily on energy imports from Russia, began significantly scaling back its imports because of the war in Ukraine.

Canada sets dates to ban some single-use plastics

QUEBEC CITY (AP)—The Canadian government is banning companies from importing or making plastic bags and Styrofoam takeout containers by the end of this year, their sale by the end of next year and their export by the end of 2025. Canada previously announced a ban but environment advocates were dismayed about delays and that Canada's initial plan was to ban the items at home but continue to ship them abroad. Environment Minister Steven Guilbeault announced the dates Monday. In addition to bags and takeout boxes, the ban will affect plastic straws, bags, cutlery, stir sticks and six-pack rings that hold cans and bottles. The federal government listed plastics as toxic under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act last year which paved the way for regulations to ban some. However a consortium of plastics producers is suing the government over the toxic designation in a case expected to be heard later this year.

Germany sticks to 2030 coal exit target amid energy worries

BERLIN (AP)—The German government said Monday that it remains committed to its goal of phasing out coal as a power source by 2030, despite deepening worries about a cut in Russia's gas supplies. Russia's Gazprom announced last week that it was sharply reducing supplies through the Nord Stream 1 pipeline to Germany for what it said were technical reasons. The German government says the move appears to be politically motivated. On Sunday, Economy Minister Robert Habeck said that Germany will try to compensate for the move by allowing increased burning of coal, a more polluting fossil fuel. Habeck, a member of the Green party, said the move was "bitter" but "simply necessary" to lower gas usage. In neighboring Netherlands, the government announced Monday that despite Moscow's reductions in gas deliveries to parts of Europe it still plans to close the biggest Dutch natural gas field in 2023 or 2024, but will also allow coal-fired power stations to operate at full capacity again in order to conserve gas that would otherwise be burned to produce electricity.

Life & Style

Civil jury finds Bill Cosby sexually abused teenager in 1975

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—Jurors at a civil trial found Tuesday that Bill Cosby sexually abused a 16-year-old girl at the Playboy Mansion in 1975.

The Los Angeles County jury delivered the verdict in favor of Judy Huth, who is now 64, and awarded her $500,000. She said the fact that jurors believed her story meant more than the sum of money or the fact that she didn't win punitive damages.

"It's been torture," Huth said of the seven-year legal fight. "To be ripped apart, you know, thrown under the bus and backed over. This, to me, is such a big victory."

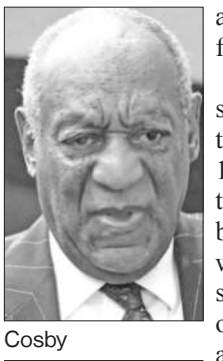
Jurors found that Cosby intentionally caused harmful sexual contact with Huth, that he reasonably believed she was under 18, and that his conduct was driven by unnatural or abnormal sexual interest in a minor.

The jurors' decision is a major legal defeat for the 84-year-old entertainer once hailed as America's dad. It comes nearly a year after his Pennsylvania criminal conviction for sexual assault was thrown out and he was freed from prison. Huth's lawsuit was one of the last remaining legal claims against him after his insurer settled many others against his will.

Cosby did not attend the trial or testify in person, but short clips from 2015 video deposition were played for jurors, in which he denied any sexual contact with Huth. He continues to deny the allegation through his attorney and publicist.

Cosby spokesman Andrew Wyatt said they would appeal the verdict and he claimed the defense won because Huth didn't win punitive damages.

Jurors had already reached conclusions on nearly every question on their verdict form, including whether Cosby abused Huth and whether she deserved damages, after two days of deliberations on Friday. But the jury foreperson could not serve further because of a personal commitment, and the panel had to start deliberating from scratch with an alternate juror on Monday.


Cosby

Cosby's attorneys agreed that Cosby met Huth and her high school friend on a Southern California film set in April of 1975, then took them to the Playboy Mansion a few days later.

Huth's friend Donna Samuelson, a key witness, took photos at the mansion of Huth and Cosby, which loomed large at the trial.

Huth testified that in a bedroom adjacent to a game room where the three had been hanging out, Cosby attempted to put his hand down her pants, then exposed himself and forced her to perform a sex act.

Huth filed her lawsuit in 2014, saying that her son turning 15—the age she initially remembered being when she went to the mansion—and a wave of other women accusing Cosby of similar acts brought fresh trauma over what she had been through as a teenager.

Huth's attorney Nathan Goldberg told the jury of nine women and three men during closing arguments Wednesday that "my client deserves to have Mr. Cosby held accountable for what he did."

"Each of you knows in your heart that Mr. Cosby sexually assaulted Miss Huth," Goldberg said.

At least nine of the 12 jurors agreed, giving Huth a victory in a suit that took nearly eight years and overcame many hurdles just to get to trial.

During their testimony, Cosby attorney Jennifer Bonjean consistently challenged Huth and Samuelson over errors in detail in their stories, and a similarity in the accounts that the lawyer said represented coordination between the two women.

This included the women saying in pre-trial depositions and police interviews that Samuelson had played Donkey Kong that day, a game not released until six years later.

Bonjean made much of this, in what both sides came to call the "Donkey Kong defense."

Cruise ship with Broadway stars set to steam off in spring 2023

NEW YORK (AP)—The maiden voyage of a cruise ship starring a boatload of musical theater stars—like Tony Award-winners Laura Benanti, Kristin Chenoweth, Alan Cumming and Lena Hall—will set sail next spring.

The Broadway Cruise—heading roundtrip from New York City to Bermuda, from March 31-April 5, 2023—will also feature Tony-nominees Joshua Henry, Taylor Louderman and Jeremy Jordan, as well as Broadway favorites Randy Rainbow and Sierra Boggess.

Producers promise "intimate and grand scale shows and cabarets from Broadway's coolest talent" as well as "tips and techniques from some of the best and brightest creative talent working today."

Tony-nominated scenic designer David Korins will discuss his creative process when designing settings for the stage and Tony-nominated choreographer Kelly Devine will discuss the art of the dance. Chris Jahnke will serve as music director.

The cruise will borrow the Norwegian Gem, which accommodates 2,000 people. Cabin prices begin at $1,165 per person. The trip was delayed by the coronavirus pandemic.

Cruise ships were an early source of outbreaks at the start of the pandemic. The CDC issued a no-sail order in March 2020, prompting a standstill that ended in June 2021 as cruise ships began to leave U.S. ports with new health and safety requirements.

All guests 12 and over—and all artists and crew—aboard The Broadway Cruise are required to be fully vaccinated and present proof of vaccination to board.

Fashion creators sue Hailey Bieber over her new brand's name

NEW YORK (AP)—Two former college roommates who created a successful clothing line under the "Rhode" trademark sued model Hailey Bieber on Tuesday, saying she's creating market confusion by marketing a skin care line under the Rhode name.

The lawsuit in Manhattan federal court asked a judge to cite trademark infringement and block Bieber from selling or marketing any products with the Rhode name. It also sought unspecified damages.

The lawsuit said court intervention was necessary because Hailey Bieber is a celebrity with over 45 million Instagram followers who launched her skin care line last week and has filed trademark applications to sell clothing.

Bieber

Hailey Bieber is married to singer Justin Bieber, and the lawsuit said her husband has promoted her business to his 243 million Instagram followers, generating 1.5 million likes with one posting. Her lawyer didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

According to the lawsuit, Purna Khatau and Phoebe Vickers are seeking to protect the business they began in 2014 when they quit their day jobs to create a high-end clothing and accessories line, targeting "feminine, confident and well-traveled women."

Since then, it said, their products have been featured in Vogue, carried in stores like Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus worldwide and worn by celebrities including Beyonce, Mindy Kaling and Rihanna. Sales are projected to hit $14.5 million this year, the lawsuit said.

On the day her product was launched, Hailey Bieber said in a Forbes story that she's had a "really hard time" with "a world of media that likes to perpetuate women against women," the lawsuit said.

"But the reality is that the "world of media" Ms. Bieber describes is at her disposal. And she has chosen to use it to squash a woman and minority co-founded brand that simply cannot compete with her immense fame and following," the lawsuit said.

When her product line was launched June 15, Hailey Bieber appeared on "Good Morning America" on ABC and "The Tonight Show" with Jimmy Fallon on NBC, the lawsuit noted.

The lawsuit said confusion and harm to the brand started by Khatau and Vickers is already widespread and it has only taken days for some consumers to believe that the 8-year-old company is trading off the name of the new competitor instead of the reverse.

Young adult's life turned upside down by revelation

DEAR ABBY: I took a DNA test seven months ago. It came back that the man who raised me is not my biological father. My heart dropped, but I decided to meet my real dad. We have formed a relationship, mostly a good one, and I introduce him as my dad now. My problem is, we hardly know each other or how we react to things.

I had a hard week. My older sister was very rude to me, I had many college exams to take, and my best friend unexpectedly announced she had to go away for six months. I just wanted to run "home," but then I realized I no longer have a home to run to. My dad doesn't know I'm very clingy when I'm upset, so he was oblivious to my constant communications, and I'm sure it came off as annoying.

My mother and I don't get along these days because she hid this secret from me for 25 years. Also, I mostly just wanted to go over to his house because my three little siblings are there, and I actually feel like we're a family. What do you think, Abby? AM I too clingy? Is it understandable? How do I explain to him that I need to see them more? If he tells me no, how do I handle that?

ADJUSTING IN OHIO

DEAR ADJUSTING: If you want a better relationship with your biological father, slow down and let him get to know you gradually. A way to accomplish this would be to mend fences with your mother, believe it or not. Yes, she should have told you about your biological father years ago, but she may have had reasons for not doing so. One of them may have been embarrassment.

You ask, "Am I being too clingy?" The answer is yes. You stand a better chance of building a solid relationship with your bio-dad, his wife and your half-siblings if you don't overwhelm them when you are feeling so needy. Your chances of finding the emotional support you need would be better if you talk with a counselor at the student health center at your college when you are as stressed as you are.

DEAR ABBY: My sister and I inherited our mother's condo some years ago. She wants to sell it; I do not. She has harangued me nonstop with inane scenarios of what "could" happen with our heirs if we don't sell, even going so far as to threaten, "If we don't sell it now, I don't think I will want to sell." I don't even know what that means.

Because I was fed up, I agreed to sell. The problem is, at this point, I don't even like her. I'm not mad—I just abhor the way she harangued me. I don't think I'll ever want to talk to her again, and I feel sad about that. Any thoughts?

SIBLING DISASTER IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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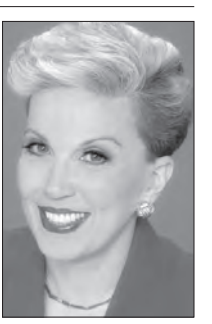


Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

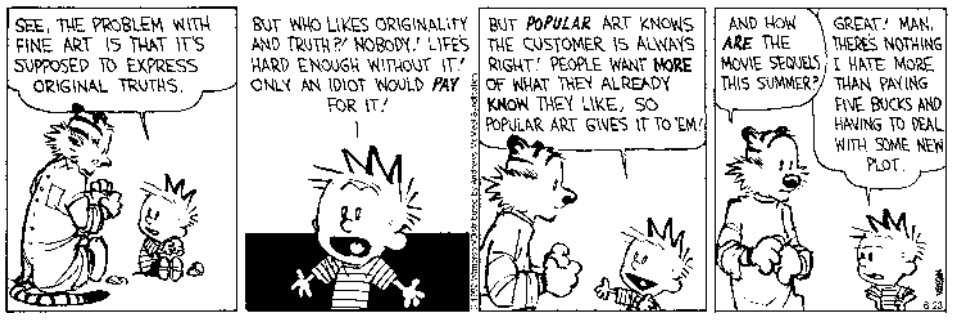
DEAR SIBLING: It is unfortunate (but not uncommon) for money to drive a wedge between family members. When your sister started her harangue, you should have inserted your lawyer into the negotiation. Because you wished to keep the unit, you could have bought her half from her, leaving you both with what you wanted. If it's not too late, give it some consideration. As to never wanting to talk to your sister, I hope with time your feelings will mellow and fences can be mended.

Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $16 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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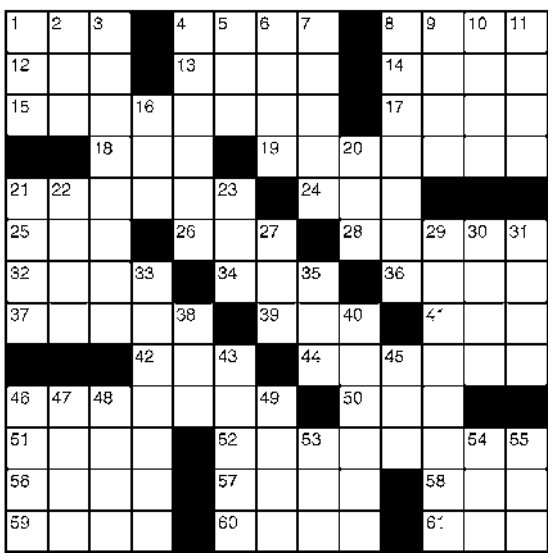

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ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Spice things up, speak up and use your experience to navigate from one place to another. Be bold and confident, and keep your eye on what's ahead of you. A dynamic display of how you operate will draw interest. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Keep secrets until you feel comfortable sharing. The way you envision things unfolding may not resemble what transpires. Be ready to do some fancy footwork to maintain your status quo. A change will raise issues that need addressing before you make a move. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Use your charm to win acceptance and favors. Get involved in something you care about. How you conduct yourself and what you accomplish will help you fetch compliments and proposals that can change how you live. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Cover your bases, and prepare to counter anything or anyone who gets in your way. Have a plan in place, and put your energy where it will do some good. Sidestep temptation and overconsumption. Change only what's necessary. ✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Take the high road, adjust to whatever challenges you encounter and give your all until you feel confident you did your best. You will come up with options you hadn't thought of before if you research and learn all you can. ✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* A lifestyle change will lead to personal growth, new connections and better relationships with friends, family and co-workers. Invest time and energy into something you enjoy, then turn it into a daily stress reliever or a new source of income. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Don't let uncertainty lead to loss. Keep track of your assets and liabilities to ensure you don't miss an opportunity that can help you prosper. Use intelligence to charm someone you want to work alongside. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* A change will lift your spirits and help you figure out what's best for you. Back away from pressure tactics pushing you in a direction you don't want to go. Let your intuition guide you, and something good will unfold. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* A responsible attitude will give you the edge when faced with a competitive situation. By opening your doors to friends and relatives, you gain insight into making the most out of what you have. Romance is favored. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* You'll quickly figure out what's expected of you if you discuss your intentions with a friend, relative or lover. Be quick to make adjustments that will help keep the peace and make your home life more inviting. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Keep your emotions under control, and use intelligence and charm to persuade others to see things your way. Pay attention to how much things cost and what you can afford. Nurture meaningful relationships, and discuss your intentions. ✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* A quiet pursuit will ensure success. Look at what's possible, and don't hesitate to follow through. Change begins with you; taking control and making things happen will discourage those who want to meddle. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are witty, energetic and emotional. You are enticing and friendly.

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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By DAVID OUELLET

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Paredes hits 3 homers, Rays hand Yanks 3rd loss in 20 games

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—Isaac Paredes homered in his first three at-bats and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Yankees 5-4 on Tuesday night, handing New York only its third loss in 20 games.

Paredes, who had four RBIs, combined with Harold Ramirez for back-to-back homers in the first off Nestor Cortes, then put the Rays ahead 3-2 in the third and added a two-run drive in the fifth on the first pitch after Clarke Schmidt relieved.

The Rays led 5-2 before Marwin Gonzalez hit a two-run homer with two outs in the ninth off Colin Poche, who got his fifth save when pinch-hitter Aaron Judge flied out to the left-field warning track.

Shawn Armstrong (1-1), the second of seven Tampa Bay pitchers, got his first win for the Rays despite giving up DJ LeMahieu's tying, two-run single in the second.

Cortes (6-3) allowed four runs and six hits in 4 1/3 innings, giving up three homers for the first time in his major league career.

AP

Tampa Bay Rays' Isaac Paredes, right, celebrates with Yandy Diaz after Paredes hit a two-run home run off New York Yankees pitcher Clarke Schmidt during the fifth inning of a baseball game Tuesday, June 21, 2022, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Royals 12, Angels 11, 11 innings

In Anaheim, Calif., Shohei Ohtani hit two three-run homers and drove in a career-high eight runs, but Whit Merrifield led off the 11th inning with an RBI double and Kansas City hung on to beat Los Angeles.

Ohtani crushed a 423-foot homer in the sixth and a game-tying, 438-foot shot in the ninth, giving him the biggest RBI game of his five-year stateside career. The AL MVP then set the single-game major league record for RBIs by a Japanese-born player with a sacrifice fly in the 11th inning.

But Ohtani's eighth RBI wasn't enough after Merrifield and Kyle Isbel drove in runs off Jose Quijada (0-2) earlier in the 11th.

Daniel Mengden struck out Mike Trout with two Angels on base before Ohtani's flyout, and he retired Jared Walsh on a game-ending popup. Mengden earned his first save of the season and the second of his career as Kansas City held on for its fifth victory in six games despite blowing a five-run lead in the sixth and a three-run lead in the ninth.

Carlos Santana had four hits and drove in a season-high five runs for the Royals, while rookie Bobby Witt Jr. had his first multi-homer game while driving in a career-high four runs. Kansas City led 6-1 midway through the sixth inning before the Angels' star hitters finally came alive.

Dylan Coleman (2-1) stranded two Angels runners in the 10th.

Guardians 6, Twins 5, 11 innings

In Minneapolis, Andrés Giménez had an RBI single in the 11th inning and Cleveland moved into the AL Central lead, percentage points ahead of Minnesota.

With Oscar Gonzalez on second, Giménez singled to center field with one out against Griffin Jax (4-1) and the Guardians improved to 10-2 in their last 12 games and 16-4 since May 30.

Trevor Stephan (3-2) struck out Carlos Correa, Max Kepler and Gary Sanchez, Minnesota's 3-4-5 hitters, with two on and nobody out in the 10th.

Emmanuel Clase earned his 16th save in 18 chances.

Astros 8, Mets 2

In Houston, Yordan Alvarez hit a two-run homer and Kyle Tucker had three RBIs as Houston beat New York in an interleague matchup between two of the top teams in the majors.

Jose Altuve and José Siri added solo home runs for Houston in the first meeting between the teams since the Astros swept a three-game series in September 2017.

José Urquidy (6-3) allowed four hits and a run in six innings. Urquidy, who walked one, threw a career-high 104 pitches.

Pete Alonso hit his NL-leading 20th home run in the sixth for New York. Trevor Williams (1-4) yielded four hits and three runs over four innings in his sixth start of the season and first since June 5.

Giants 12, Braves 10

In Atlanta, Mike Yastrzemski broke out of a slump with a go-ahead two-run double in the sixth inning, Joc Pederson and Austin Wynns homered and San Francisco beat Atlanta.

Yastrzemski drove a pitch from Collin McHugh to right that put the Giants up for good at 8-7. San Francisco has won eight of 11 and 14 of 22.

Matt Olson homered twice and Ronald Acuña Jr. and Marcell Ozuna went deep for Atlanta.

Darren O'Day (1-1) took the loss after allowing two hits and two runs and failing to retire any of the three batters he faced in the sixth.

Tyler Rogers (1-3) pitched two innings to earn the win.

Cardinals 6, Brewers 2

In Milwaukee, Nolan Gorman went 4 of 4 with two solo homers and four RBIs as St. Louis moved into a share of the NL Central lead with Milwaukee.

Gorman broke a 2-all tie with a homer to center off Chi Chi González (0-1) in the fourth inning. He extended the lead to 4-2 with a drive over the right-field wall against Miguel Sánchez in the seventh.

Zack Thompson (1-0), Drew VerHagen, Giovanny Gallegos and Ryan Helsley combined to allow one hit and one walk in six innings of scoreless relief. The Brewers had four hits as their four-game winning streak ended.

Rangers 7, Phillies 0

In Arlington, Texas, Nathaniel Lowe and Jonah Heim hit consecutive homers off former teammate Kyle Gibson, Martín Pérez went six innings in his fifth scoreless start this season and Texas beat Philadelphia.

Lowe broke a 0-0 tie in the fifth with his solo shot before Heim also hit his ninth of the season in the Rangers' eighth consecutive victory over the Phillies.

Marcus Semien and Kole Calhoun each connected on a two-run homer against Jeurys Familia in the eighth.

Pérez (5-2) outdueled Gibson (4-3), who allowed three runs and seven hits in 6 1/3 innings.

It was just the fourth loss in 19 games for Philadelphia.

Dodgers 8, Reds 2

In Cincinnati, Tony Gonsolin became the first pitcher in the majors to win nine games, Freddie Freeman drove in five runs and Los Angeles beat Cincinnati.

Gonsolin (9-0) gave up two runs on solo homers by Jonathan India and Albert Almora Jr. but only allowed one other hit through five innings and 87 pitches. The 28-year-old righty has a 1.58 ERA.

Four Dodgers relievers threw scoreless innings to wrap it up.

Tyler Mahle (2-6) was lucky to give up only four runs through six innings. He allowed 12 hits but stranded eight runners.

Freeman had a two-run double and a bases-loaded triple.

White Sox 7, Blue Jays 6, 12 innings

In Chicago, Josh Harrison hit a game-ending single with two outs in the 12th inning and Chicago topped Toronto.

Luis Robert matched a career high with four RBIs and made a sliding grab in center field in the top of the 12th, helping the White Sox (33-33) win for the sixth time in eight games. The reigning AL Central champions returned to .500 for the first time since May 29.

Vince Velasquez (3-3) worked two innings for his first win since May 6.

Harrison drove in José Abreu with a liner to center off Matt Gage (0-1).

Alejandro Kirk homered and drove in two runs for Toronto, which lost for the fifth time in six games. Bradley Zimmer made a spectacular catch in center field, and Vladimir Guerrero Jr. hit an RBI double in the 10th.

Blue Jays slugger George Springer was removed in the eighth because of right elbow discomfort.

Mariners 8, Athletics 2

In Oakland, Calif., Julio Rodríguez, Jesse Winker and Eugenio Suárez hit consecutive homers in the seventh inning and Seattle beat Oakland.

Taylor Trammell connected leading off the third for Seattle, which snapped a three-game skid.

Mariners lefty Marco Gonzales (4-7) allowed seven hits over seven sharp innings to end a three-game losing streak, earning his first victory in five starts since beating the A's on May 23 in Seattle.

James Kaprielian (0-5) allowed two runs on five hits over 5 1/3 innings with seven strikeouts and two walks as Oakland lost for the 16th time in 18 games.

Red Sox 5, Tigers 4

In Boston, Trevor Story hit a three-run homer out of Fenway Park, Christian Vázquez added a solo shot and Boston beat Detroit.

Boston went ahead 4-3 in the fourth when Story put a hanging a slider from rookie Beau Brieske (1-6) on Lansdowne Street for his 11th homer this season.

Vázquez lined Andrew Chafin's first pitch into the Green Monster seats for a 5-3 lead in the seventh.

Rich Hill (3-4) gave up three runs and seven hits in five innings with six strikeouts.

John Schreiber got his second save this season when Miguel Cabrera hit a game-ending groundout with a man on.

Pirates 7, Cubs 1

In Pittsburgh, Bligh Madris hit his first major league home run and fellow rookie Roansy Contreras pitched five solid innings to lead Pittsburgh past Chicago.

Madris hit solo shot to right-center field off Mark Leiter Jr. in the sixth inning to close the scoring.

Contreras (2-1) allowed one run and four hits while striking out three and walking two.

Cubs rookie Matt Swarmer (1-3) permitted five runs — four earned — and five hits in four innings while losing his third straight start.

Marlins 9, Rockies 8

In Miami, Garrett Cooper lined a tiebreaking double in the eighth inning, and Miami overcame a four-run deficit to beat Colorado.

Colorado led 4-0 before Miami scored five times in the fourth and three in the fifth to take an 8-5 lead. The Rockies tied the score 8-8 in the sixth after Cooper allowed Brendan Rodgers' two-out grounder to get by him and into right field for an error that led that led to three unearned runs.

Nick Fortes led off the eighth with a double against Alex Colomé (2-1) and later scored on Cooper's double.

Steven Okert (4-0) pitched a perfect eighth and Tanner Scott worked around a lead-off walk to Randal Grichuk in the ninth for his sixth save in seven chances.

Nationals 3, Orioles 0

In Baltimore, Erick Fedde allowed two hits over six innings, and Washington beat Baltimore for its second straight victory following an eight-game skid.

César Hernández doubled on the game's first pitch from Jordan Lyles (4-6) and scored on a double by Nelson Cruz to put Washington in front. Hernández added an RBI grounder in the second inning.

Fedde (5-5) struck out four, walked one and did not allow a runner past first base.

Kyle Finnegan worked the seventh, Carl Edwards Jr. pitched the eighth and Tanner Rainey completed the four-hitter for his eighth save.

Padres 3, Diamondbacks 2, 11 innings

In San Diego, Jorge Alfaro singled home the winning run with one out in the 11th inning to give San Diego a victory over Arizona.

Eric Hosmer hit a tying homer in the sixth for the Padres, who played their second game without Manny Machado since the star third baseman sprained his left ankle Sunday at Colorado. Ha-Seong Kim had an early RBI double to help San Diego erase a 2-0 deficit.

Jordan Luplow hit an inside-the-park home run for Arizona.

Following an intentional walk to Hosmer, Alfaro singled through the left side off Ian Kennedy (3-4) to score pinch-runner Jose Azocar from second base.

Tim Hill (2-0) retired Carson Kelly with the bases loaded to end the top of the 11th.

Stevens: Adding depth, playmaker top priorities for Celtics

BOSTON (AP)—Brad Stevens knows the Celtics need to make changes this offseason if they hope to remain in the mix of what is expected to be a retooled group of teams competing at the top of the Eastern Conference next season.

Just don't expect Boston's president of basketball operations to blow up a roster he believes is on the cusp of finishing the job after coming within two wins of an NBA title.

"We have to walk a fine line a little bit. I think teams are fragile. I think the way that teams work together and operate together are fragile," Stevens said Tuesday. "And I think your identity as a team, when you find one that's successful — which we did this year on the defensive end of the floor and when we were at our best sharing the ball offensively — those things are fragile.

"So just to add (players) doesn't mean that you're not taking something away from the group."

AP

Brad Stevens is shown before Game 6 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals playoff series against the Miami Heat, Friday, May 27, 2022, in Boston.

While Stevens was pleased with how the Celtics recovered from their 18-21 start to grab the East's No. 2 seed and the conference title, he thinks their slow start has direct links to how the Golden State Warriors were able to power past them in the finals.

"When you start off 18-21, you've got to fight, scratch and claw to get into the playoffs, get into the seeds, get home court," Stevens said. "You got to do all that stuff and there's no margin for error."

It meant less rest throughout the season and as the minutes piled up, he thinks it took a toll on the team — particularly on star Jayson Tatum, who couldn't produce the same numbers he did in the finals as he did early in the postseason

That said, Stevens will be looking to add another playmaker around the core group of Tatum, Jaylen Brown and Marcus Smart, while developing the bench with players currently on the roster.

If Boston does want add to any outside pieces, Stevens said the front office has been given the OK to spend whatever is necessary. But permission doesn't mean he plans to exhaust what he called their "limited resources."

The Celtics got below the luxury tax threshold just before the trade deadline this past season and don't want to exceed it unless it's warranted.

They own only a second-round pick (No. 53 overall) heading into Thursday night's draft. But they also have three trade exceptions totaling just under $30 million to play with, including about $17 million left from the one created from its sign-and-trade of Evan Fournier last August.

"The big one expires in July, we've got a couple of others that expire later, they're all reasonable amounts that we can take good players in with," Stevens said. "It's still about being prudent and thoughtful about what the deal is."

That will be done in concert with the input coach Ime Udoka, who Stevens thinks found a rhythm his first year on the sideline following the slow start.

"In the first 40 games or so, he went through pretty much everything you can go through as a as a coach in Boston," Stevens said. "I think that's a testament to the way that he stayed even keel. … I've told people I'm close to all along, I think his ability to bounce back after the tough losses in the playoffs was really special."

As for Stevens' own evaluation of his first year in his new job, he said he continues to learn by the day.

"I still feel like I've got a long way to go in this in this role," he said. "I've got great people that I lean on every day around me, and I'm thankful for that. Our front office does an amazing job. And, you know, without all their help it would be a lot more difficult, that's for sure."

Jovic, Dieng highlight international prospects in NBA draft

LONDON (AP)—Ousmane Dieng of France moved to Australia for a season to hone his skills. Nikola Jovic stayed home in Serbia.

Both are expected to end up in the NBA, though, since they are among the top international prospects in Thursday night's draft.

Both are versatile 6-foot-10 wings who only recently turned 19 years old after completing their first professional season.

Dieng played for the New Zealand Breakers in Australia's National Basketball League as part of its Next Stars program, which has become a hotspot for NBA prospects. Jovic was voted top prospect in the ABA League after his first full season for Belgrade club Mega, which produced reigning NBA MVP Nikola Jokic.

Here's a look at some of the top international players in the draft:

AP

Mega's Nikola Jovic tries to score during the ABA League basketball match between FMP and Mega in Belgrade, Serbia, Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022. Jovic, of Serbia, is one of the top international prospects heading into this year's NBA draft.

JOVIC

STRENGTHS: Multi-faceted scorer with court vision and playmaking skills. He averaged 11.7 points, 4.4 rebounds and 3.4 assists this season and shot 36.5% from 3-point range.

Jovic told The Associated Press he had worked out for the Houston Rockets, San Antonio Spurs — as of Monday both teams had three first-round picks — the Denver Nuggets (the 21st and 30th selections), the Chicago Bulls (No. 18), the Minnesota Timberwolves (No. 19), and the Milwaukee Bucks (the 24th pick). He also had workouts scheduled with the Miami Heat, who have the 27th pick, and the champion Golden State Warriors (No. 28).

"My basketball IQ is really good, shooting-wise I'm really good, also passing. Those are things I can immediately translate to the NBA," Jovic said.

CONCERNS: Jovic doesn't possess an explosive first step. Entering the season at 200 pounds, there were also concerns about his strength, but he has bulked up and now weighs 224 pounds.

"I'm working on my whole body. Core stability is really important for me," said Jovic, who turned 19 this month.

Rafael Barlowe, director of scouting at NBA Big Board, said Jovic projects as "a league-average defender" and said the right fit will be vital: "He could end up in a bad situation like Deni Avdija (Washington Wizards) on team where he doesn't have the opportunity to handle the ball and he's stuck in a corner."

DIENG

The lanky Frenchman recovered from a slow start in Australia to show flashes of why he could be a potential lottery pick.

STRENGTHS: Perimeter skills, playmaking potential, can defend multiple positions. He averaged 8.9 points, 3.2 rebounds and 1.1 assists per game. His 3-point shooting percentage was in the single digits early, but over the final 12 games of the season it was 35%.

"I just needed to find my rhythm and kept working on my game," he said.

Dieng worked out with "a lot" of teams but declined to name them.

"I can fit in any team because I'm pretty versatile, so I can do whatever the coach wants me to do," he said. "I'm a pretty hard worker and really versatile with good vision and can do everything on the floor."

CONCERNS: Shooting consistency and frame. He needs to add bulk. At 215 pounds, he's about 10 pounds heavier than early in the season, when he sometimes looked lost.

"The gap between third division in France and the NBL is really big. Everything is quicker and everything is more physical," he said, adding that playing among former NBA players "was really good for me."

Some other internationals with no U.S. experience:

■ ISMAEL KAMAGATE: A 6-11, 20-pound center for Paris Basket. The 21-year-old Frenchman averaged 11.8 points, 6.3 rebounds and 1.5 blocks per game. He rejected nine shots in a game against Roanne. French league all-star.

■ KHALIFA DIOP: The latest Senegalese big man, a 7-foot-1, 240-pound center for Gran Canaria in Spain. He averaged 6.1 points, 4.2 rebounds and 0.8 blocks per game.

■ HUGO BESSON: The 21-year-old shooting guard played with Dieng on the New Zealand Breakers. The 6-4 Frenchman averaged 13.9 points, 3.9 rebounds and 2.5 assists per game. Shot 30.8% from 3-point range.

■ GABRIELE PROCIDA: An athletic 6-7 Italian who shot 38.3% from behind the arc for Bologna.

LOOKING AHEAD

The 7-foot-3 Victor Wembanyama of France might have been this year's top pick — possibly last year's too. The 18-year-old will finally be eligible in 2023.

With his size and skills — ball-handling, shooting, rim protection — Wembanyama is considered a generational talent. He finished with 22 points, eight rebounds and eight blocks against a stacked United States team that included Chet Holmgren in the final of the FIBA Under-19 World Cup last July. He plays for ASVEL, the French team owned by Tony Parker.

"If he maximizes all of his gifts," Barlowe said, "he could easily be one of the best players in his generation."

CNMI netters advance to semis

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Top seeds Colin Sinclair and Robbie Schorr and the women's No. 4 of Isabel Herras and Asia Raulerson advanced to the semis of the tennis doubles event of the Northern Marianas Pacific Games 2022 yesterday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

In the men's singles, Sinclair also advanced to the Final Four after beating Fiji's Sebastian Tikara, 6-1, 6-1. He will take on Tahiti's Gillian Osmont who turned back Victor Lopes of New Caledonia, 6-3, 7-5.

Schorr wasn't as fortunate though as he lost to No. 2 seed Matthew Stubbings, 5-7, 2-6. The PNG Davis Cup player will square off against Fiji's William O'Connell in the semis after O'Connell ousted Vanuatu's Clement Mainguy, 6-2, 6-2.

In the women's singles, it will be an Apisah family affair as Papua New Guinea's Abigal Tere-Apisah will take on niece Patricia in the upper half of the semifinals. Tere-Apisah advanced after a 6-1, 6-2 win over Vanuatu's Lorraine Banimataku, while Patricia was a 6-3, 6-3 winner over Solomon Islands' Zorika Dalice Morgan.

The other half of the women's draw saw Violet Apisah book a semifinals seat after beating Samoa's Eleanor Schuster, 6-2, 6-1. Her opponent will be Fiji's Saoirse Breen who took out Herras, 6-0, 6-2.

In women's doubles, Herras and Raulerson punched a semis ticket after triumphing over Schuster and Mahinarangi Warren, 6-0, 6-3. They will take on Breen and Ruby Coffin in the next round. The Apisah cousins are in the upper half of the draw and will play Tonga's Ana Taminika and Ela Vakaukamea for a chance to go to the finals.

» Mister, Johnson unbeaten in beach v-ball

CNMI tennis national coach Jeff Race likes his players' chances for medaling in the next couple of days.

"I think that we are in a good position to win some more medals. I think we have a good chance to get a medal in men's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles, and mixed doubles."

CNMI men 4-0 in beach v-ball

Logan Mister and Andrew Johnson won their fourth straight game when they defeated Charles Zecharian Tarimel and Taro Texxon of Palau, 21-16, 21-9, last Tuesday night on the sand courts of Crowne Plaza.

"The Palau team is very strong, especially on their defensive end. We really respect their effort and attitude on the court as well. It was the first night game under the lights for us, but it went well. We were really looking for the win so that we'd come out first in our pool and get a straight seat in the quarter finals. We also want to give a huge thanks to the crowd for supporting and for firing us up," said Johnson.

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Logan Mister dives for the ball while Andrew Johnson looks on in a previous beach volleyball game in the Northern Marianas Pacific Games 2022 on the sand courts of Crowne Plaza.

Mister said Tarimel and Texxon gave them a challenge especially early on.

"They were very crafty. We needed to be ready for everything. We played well but also hope to play with less errors in future matches. It was also great to have so many come out and support us. Happy to bring home a victory in front of the home crowd," he said.

Kathy Winkfield and Charnessa Lizama faced off against Fiafialoto Tekela and Pressence Gladys of Wallis & Futuna yesterday and lost a tight one, 18-21, 19-21.

"They were a very strong team. We were both neck-and-neck and both testing each other and just trying to stay strong. We played well, a little minor mistakes but we gave our best, trying to stay focused but we are happy with the way we played, and even though we lost, we lost strong," said Winkfield.

"They were good, they really brought their game and they fight hard and one thing about this game was that it also brought us the fire to kind of fight for the point and that was good. I felt the game was really intense but it was really good learning experience for me and my partner," added Lizama.

Tahiti wins gold in badminton mixed event

In badminton, Tahiti won the gold medal of the mixed team event after topping the round-robin tournament at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Tahiti coach Leo Cucuel said it's the former French colony's first ever gold medal in the sport of badminton, which came at the expense of New Caledonia. Both teams were 4-0 before their matchup yesterday.

"We are really proud because it's the first time we won gold in the Pacific Games. We are really proud and the players did their job well….[the players] should enjoy the moment and I'm very proud of them."

Kylium Scilloux feels fulfilled winning the gold medal for Tahiti.

"I'm very happy and I played really well today so I'm happy about today," said the 23-year-old.

Team NMI, meanwhile, finished fourth, one notch better than their performance in the 2019 Pacific Games in Apia, Samoa. The team won two of its last three games via 5-0 sweeps.

Castagne, Reid-Amaru lead golf

New Caledonia's Guillame Castagne and Tahiti's Flavia Reid-Amaru are atop the leaderboard in their respective men's and women's events in golf at the Coral Ocean Resort golf course. Castagne has a two-round total of 143, only a birdie up on Guam's Ivan Sablan and Samoa's Lio Vui. Reid-Amaru has shot a 153—ahead of New Caledonia's Mohea Mansbendel and Ines Levelua-Tufele who are at 154 and 155, respectively. ***(With reports from Angel Li and Chrystal Marino)***

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three years. My body wasn't ready. I was going through injuries in the beginning of my offseason, during the conditioning phase, but somehow thank God for the blessings for helping me pull through with everything through this whole journey. I'm so happy that I'm finally done training for the Mini Games. I'm really happy that everything went well and accordingly," the silver medalist said.

Over in the 10,000m run which is an exhausting six-mile trek, or 25 laps around the track, the NMI's Tania Tan looked good as she led her competitors from the Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, and New Caledonia around the track.

Halfway through though, she started lagging behind in third place and with only three laps left, the Fordham University track varsity collapsed as the strain of the endurance sport got to her.

Medics and officials came onto the track to check on her and was wheeled into the ambulance on standby while the audience cheered her on in support. She was seen out of the ambulance hugging her coach about 30 minutes after.

She told *Saipan Tribune* afterwards that in the first half of her run, "I felt pretty strong. It wasn't as hot. So, I felt okay but once the sun started to come out, I think I just overheated. And I've been spending a lot of time watching tennis and tennis is like an all-day thing, so I was all day in the sun. I think that played a big part in how I felt toward the end of the race, I fainted, kind of."

Tan added that she came in prepared for the race which left her disappointed "especially being back on Saipan."

Today is Day 3 of athletics with Team NMI out to compete in more track and field events and more chances for medals.

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ever, more than made up for it with a lift of 160 kg in his third and final try in the clean & jerk. Moments before, he actually already secured the clean & jerk and total weight gold when he lifted 155 kg in his second try.

"I already secured the gold medal in my second attempt in total and clean & jerk. That's actually my personal best and I've done that in training multiple times. I could've opted not to take the third attempt, but why not?"

An emotional San Nicolas dedicated his two gold medals—three if you count the one from the 2022 Oceania Weightlifting Championships—and the silver medal to everyone including his critics.

"I want to dedicate these medals to everyone who supported me and those who also gave me a hard time. I'm not going to lie ever since for more than year I really had a hard time and it's not really the physical part it was dealing with people and so much stress and living up to everyone's expectations. I'm sorry…I just wanna say to anyone I gave a hard time to, I'm sorry. I had to do what I had to do and it's important for me to be doubted."

On the $12,500 windfall he's expected to get for his two gold medals and a silver, San Nicolas said he wants to get hold of the cash incentive first.

"I don't know what I'm going to do but let's get it first. Let me get it first and I'll think and decide what I'll do with it," he said.

On the $1,000 bonus Gov. Ralph DLG Torres promised for each gold medal, San Nicolas said he would accept that too and even intimated that he's ready to smoke the peace pipe with the governor. "If he wants to why not."

In 2020, the weightlifter was arrested for making "terroristic threatening" comments on social media toward on-island leaders, who everyone presumed is Torres.

Earlier, Leo Apelo gave the CNMI three more silver medals after coming in second in the 89-kg class. The 33-year-old Transportation Security Administration officer came in second in the snatch with a lift of 124 kg and finished in the same position in the clean & jerk when he cleared 157 kg.

"I'm proud of it and I really worked hard for it so it's really good… Feels great, I can't complain, and I love the crowd they gave me some energy."

Apelo dedicated his three silver medals—including a fourth in the Oceania Weightlifting Championships—to his family and children, who were actually in attendance at the MHS Gym.

He said he's been into the sport for 10 years now and plans to continue training in weightlifting "until my body's broken."

"These are the most medals I won and in an international competition at that. I only competed before locally, Guam, and in the Micronesian Games," added Apelo who trains six days a week.

On the $7,500 incentive not counting the governor's $1,000 bonus, Apelo joked that it'll come in handy with everyone's electricity bill going up. "The power bill is very high right now so…"

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for fourth overall among the men. Leo Wania crossed the finish line in 48:46.

Brook came in fifth among the women with a time of 43.01, while Ruszala accomplished the feat in 53.40.

CNMI National Triathlon Team manager Jay Diyco applauded his team's bronze medal-winning finish.

"Congratulations and I'm very proud of the team," he said.

Aleksenko was feeling grateful and thankful after completing the aquathlon.

"I think that was amazing. I hope we can get gold next time and I dedicate the medal to our whole team. I also want to dedicate my medal to my mom because she is the one who pushed me to work harder and she is the whole reason I'm able to do this," he said.

Wania, meanwhile, was lost for words after winning the bronze in the aquathlon. His first Pacific Games was when he was just 18 years old when he took part in the 1,500m race in athletics.

"To my entire family, thank you all, love all my teammates in NMI triathlon," he said.

For Brook, the aquathlon was a very rewarding experience.

"It's been an incredible experience. So much learning in long the journey"

She also dedicated her bronze medal to her 16-month-old daughter, Addie. "She had to tag along with me on a lot of my workouts."

Ruszala thanked her family and the Triathlon Association of the CNMI for whipping them to shape to compete in the triathlon events of the Mini Games.

"It's not a one man show so I'll name them all! To my teammates, for all the hours of training together in good and not so good days. Brad, Keoni, and Leilani, for being so supportive and flexible. To coach Mick [Ferris], Jay [Diyco], Florence [Antonio], and the rest of the TRAC committee for all the behind the scenes effort. To the CNMI for the wonderful opportunity!"

Tahiti's Benjamin Zorgnotti made it back-to-back by winning anew the gold in the men's aquathlon with a time of 31.46. New Caledonia's Mathieu Szalamacha was runner-up in 33.18 with countryman Patrick Varney rounding out the Top 3 after crossing the finish line in 33.29.

Guam's Minami Iijima added a second gold medal to the triathlon event she won last Monday by topping the women's aquathlon in a time if 34.21. New Caledonia's Charlotte Robin came in second in 35.53 followed by compatriot Nathalie Viratelle in 37.34.

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Angel gives CNMI two more golds

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The CNMI's Angel San Nicolas poses with his four gold medals while holding a giant cutout of his head eating an ice cream sandwich after the end of the 102-kg class of the weightlifting competition of the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 yesterday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

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Angel San Nicolas can't stop shaking his head as he's about to receive his clean & jerk and total weight gold medals in the 102-kg class of the weightlifting event of the Northern Marianas Pacific Games 2022 yesterday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

The special education teacher at Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School said he really wasn't expecting to win a gold medal—much less two—and that's the reason he couldn't believe his good fortune.

"Honestly, I came to the competition expecting just to do well. That's it. I was really nervous and for the most part the last three days has been really hard. Not just pressure but expectation. Most of my competitions took place outside of [the CNMI] and I prefer it that way. This is actually my first time performing to my best in front of my home. It's not a preference to be honest as I prefer to compete overseas. There's just less pressure competing off-island that's why."

Whatever jitters the 29-year-old had disappeared come game time as he missed the gold in the snatch by only 1 kg after lifting 119 kg in his second attempt. He, how-

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Apelo wins 3 silvers in 89-kg class

MARK RABAGO

The CNMI's Leo Apelo in action in the 89-kg class of the weightlifting competition of the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 yesterday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

MEDAL STANDINGS

NORTHERN MARIANAS PACIFIC MINI GAMES 2022

TEAM	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
Papua New Guinea	19	11	7	37
Australia	12	2	1	15
Tahiti	9	10	13	32
Guam	9	1	9	19
Northern Mariana Islands	6	9	3	18
New Caledonia	5	13	14	32
Solomon Islands	4	15	3	32
Samoa	4	1	4	9
Tonga	4	0	1	5
Kiribati	3	0	1	4
Palau	3	0	0	3
Fiji	2	12	11	25
Tuvalu	2	0	0	2
Vanuatu	1	3	1	5
Wallis & Futuna	0	0	4	4
Norfolk Island	0	0	1	1
American Samoa	0	0	0	0
Cook Islands	0	0	0	0
Federated States of Micronesia	0	0	0	0
Nauru	0	0	0	0

Pharmin earns silver in octathlon

Pharmin

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Afternoon showers blessed the Oleai track & field right before Day 2 of the athletics event of the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 yesterday.

The rain proved to be a good omen for Team NMI's Orrin Pharmin as the veteran athlete bagged the silver in the octathlon behind Papua New Guinea's Karo Iga.

Initially, there were three participants in the exhaustive event, but another athlete from PNG pulled out after injuring his leg. That left Iga and Pharmin to duke it out in the battle of ironmen.

The octathlon was a grueling feat of physical and mental endurance, with eight track and field events that included the 100m sprint, long jump, shot put, 400m sprint, 110m hurdles, high jump, javelin, and finally, the 1,000m sprint.

After being awarded the silver medal, Pharmin said after the exhausting two-day and eight-event run, that it was a "wonderful experience. I was able to share the track with many of my brothers and sisters from the different islands. And I'm really happy that we're hosting it here. I was just fighting because it's a long two-day event. I'm just really honored to represent our people of the CNMI."

He added he could really feel his legs hurting after his final run.

"This was actually a long journey. I started since last year after taking off for more than

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CNMI wins bronze in aquathlon

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The CNMI won the bronze medal in aquathlon, one of three triathlon events hosted on Rota for the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022.

The winning team—made up of Isaiah Aleksenko, Leo Wania, Kathy Ruszala, and Heather Brook—yesterday finished third after gold medalist New Caledonia and silver medalist Tahiti.

Aleksenko was the swiftest of the four after completing the 2.5-km run, 1,000m swim, and 2.5-km run in 34.15, good

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CNMI National Triathlon Team members Isaiah Aleksenko, Leo Wania, Kathy Ruszala, and Heather Brook pose with teams from New Caledonia and Tahiti on the medal podium of the aquathlon event of the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 yesterday on Rota.